



# Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for  
October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

## First Reading

*Compared with wisdom, I had in wealth.*

### **Reading from the Book of Wisdom (7:7-11)**

I begged and prudence was granted; I called upon the Spirit of Wisdom. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and in comparison, with her I had nothing in wealth.” It cannot be compared to the most precious stone, because all the gold, next to it, is a bit of sand and silver is like mud in its presence. I had it in more than health and beauty; I preferred it to light, because its glow never goes out. All the goods came to me with her; her hands brought me untold riches.

**Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 89

### **R. Satisfy us, O Lord, of your mercy.**

\* Teach us to see what life is, and we will be sensible. How long, Lord, will you have compassion on your servants? Until when? **R.**

\* God's will is holy and forever stable; the commandments of the Lord are true and entirely righteous. **R.**

\* Grant, O Lord, that your servants and their children may look upon your works and your glory. May the gracious Lord help us and give prosperity to our works. **R.**

## Second Reading

*The word of God uncovers the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

### **Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13)**

Brethren, the word of God is alive, effective and more pervasive than a two-edged sword. It reaches the innermost part of the soul, the marrow of the bones and discovers the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Every creature is transparent to her. Everything remains naked and exposed in the eyes of the One to whom we are accountable.

**Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Holy Gospel

*Go and sell what you got and follow me..*

### **Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (10, 17-30)**

*Glory to you, Lord*

The Rich and the Kingdom of God— As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He

went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.”

**Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***

