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**Homily for the Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week
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Ephesians 3:2-12

Response: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Luke 12:39-48

The writer of the Letter to the Ephesians states that his vocation is to "steward" God's grace, God's very self, to those who have been on the outside, the Gentiles.

What is the gift he stewards?

"Divine election starts with the utterly unpredictable choice of the enslaved people Israel, but continues in god's continual choice of quite ordinary people for extraordinary tasks. Always their resume and their skill-set are totally inadequate, but it is the very experience of being chosen that so empowers them.

"Our loveability is not a moral achievement on our part, but God's pure gift on God's part. To paraphrase Meister Eckhart, 'The love by which we think we are loving God is actually the love by which God first loved us.' All we are doing is completing the circuit, and allowing the flow. You cannot really get there; you can only be there God does all the loving" (Richard Rohr, *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*, I 66-7).



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Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 475

Reading 1

EPH 3:2-12

Brothers and sisters:
 You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
 that was given to me for your benefit,
 namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation,
 as I have written briefly earlier.
 When you read this
 you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
 which was not made known to human beings in other generations
 as it has now been revealed
 to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit,
 that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same Body,
 and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Of this I became a minister by the gift of God's grace *grac*
 that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power.
 To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given,
 to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ,
 and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery
 hidden from ages past in God who created all things,
 so that the manifold wisdom of God
 might now be made known through the Church
 to the principalities and authorities in the heavens.
 This was according to the eternal purpose
 that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 in whom we have boldness of speech
 and confidence of access through faith in him.

*What is the revelation?
 the holy hidden or revealed truth?
 as Paul, for us!*

Responsorial Psalm

ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6

R. (see 3) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
 God indeed is my savior;
 I am confident and unafraid.
 My strength and my courage is the LORD,
 and he has been my savior.
 With joy you will draw water
 at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
 Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
 among the nations make known his deeds,
 proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
 Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
 let this be known throughout all the earth.
 Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
 for great in your midst
 is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Alleluia

MT 24:42A, 44

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
 Stay awake!
 For you do not know when the Son of Man will come.
 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

LK 12:39-48

Jesus said to his disciples:
 "Be sure of this:
 if the master of the house had known the hour
 when the thief was coming,
 he would not have let his house be broken into.
 You also must be prepared,
 for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said,
 "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"
 And the Lord replied,
 "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
 whom the master will put in charge of his servants
 to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?
 Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.
 Truly, I say to you, he will put him
 in charge of all his property.
 But if that servant says to himself,
 'My master is delayed in coming,'
 and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,

*Stewards:
 - be alert, ready
 - anticipate
 - be good to those who
 follow you
 - we are all servants*

to eat and drink and get drunk,
then that servant's master will come
on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour
and will punish the servant severely
and assign him a place with the unfaithful.
That servant who knew his master's will
but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will
shall be beaten severely;
and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will
but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating
shall be beaten only lightly.
Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

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