

Sunday, April 30, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading: Sirach 15:1-6

¹The one who reveres the Holy One will do this,
the one who embraces the law will embrace Wisdom.
²She will come to meet them like a mother,
and like a young woman in innocence she will welcome them.
³She will feed them with the bread of understanding,
and the water of wisdom she will give them to drink.
⁴They will be supported by her and not fall,
and will attend her and not be put to shame.
⁵She will exalt them above their neighbors,
and in the midst of the assembly she will open their mouths.
⁶Joy and a crown of gladness will they find,
and an everlasting name will be their lot.

Psalm: Psalm 119:97-103

⁹⁷How I love your teaching!
All day it is my meditation.
⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.
⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my instructors,
for your decrees are my meditation.
¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,
for I observe your precepts.
¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
¹⁰²From your decrees I do not turn away,
for you have taught me.
¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Second Reading: Romans 6:5-11

⁵For if we have been united in a death like Christ's, we will certainly be so in the resurrection. ⁶This we know, that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷The woman or man who has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For dying, he died once to sin; in living, he lives to God. ¹¹So also should you consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 22:23-33

²³The same day [that Jesus taught about taxes] some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they questioned him, saying, ²⁴“Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies without having children, his brother shall marry the [widow] woman, and raise up offspring for his brother.’ ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and without having offspring, leaving the woman to his brother. ²⁶The same for the second, and the third, to the seventh. ²⁷After everything the woman died. ²⁸In the resurrection, then, for which of the seven will she be wife? For they all had her.”

²⁹Jesus answered them, “You all are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, rather they are like angels in heaven. ³¹And about the resurrection of the dead, have you all not read what was said to you by God, ³²‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is God not of the dead, but of the living.” ³³And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.