

## Readings: Feria

### First Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us  
and persevere in running the race that lies before us  
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
the leader and perfecter of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before him  
Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners,  
in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin  
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

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### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32

R./ They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;  
they who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
“May your hearts be ever merry!”

R./ They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord;

All the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down  
all who sleep in the earth;

Before him shall bend  
all who go down into the dust.

R./ They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.

And to him my soul shall live;  
my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the Lord  
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born  
the justice he has shown.

R./ They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.

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## Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side,  
a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea.  
One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward.  
Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying,  
“My daughter is at the point of death.  
Please, come lay your hands on her  
that she may get well and live.”  
He went off with him  
and a large crowd followed him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.  
She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors  
and had spent all that she had.  
Yet she was not helped but only grew worse.  
She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd  
and touched his cloak.  
She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.”  
Immediately her flow of blood dried up.  
She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.  
Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him,  
turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?”  
But his disciples said to him,  
“You see how the crowd is pressing upon you,  
and yet you ask, Who touched me?”  
And he looked around to see who had done it.  
The woman, realizing what had happened to her,  
approached in fear and trembling.  
She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.  
He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you.  
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

While he was still speaking,  
people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said,  
“Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?”  
Disregarding the message that was reported,  
Jesus said to the synagogue official,  
“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”  
He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside  
except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.  
When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official,  
he caught sight of a commotion,  
people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them,

“Why this commotion and weeping?

The child is not dead but asleep.”

And they ridiculed him.

Then he put them all out.

He took along the child’s father and mother

and those who were with him

and entered the room where the child was.

He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum,”

which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”

The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.

At that they were utterly astounded.

He gave strict orders that no one should know this

and said that she should be given something to eat.

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