

# **Liturgy Alive of Saturday, Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time**

## **Saturday, 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

### **BUILT on ROCK**

#### **Readings:**

**1 Tim 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Lord our God,  
let the word of your Son sink into our hearts  
so deeply and so firmly  
that all of our life is marked by it.  
Let no trial or doubt or fad or fear  
be powerful enough to shake that faith;  
for in you we trust  
and on you we rely  
on account of him who is the living proof  
that you love us and want us to be happy,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

##### **First Reading Introduction**

Christ came to call sinners, and of this fact Paul himself is the perfect example. Persecutor as he had been, God in his patience showed mercy to Paul, who had been a persecutor of Christians.

##### **Gospel Introduction**

Luke makes two main points today. Christians will be recognized for what they are worth by their Christian living. The faith that is in their hearts overflows in their deeds. God's word has sunk in into their hearts and only goodness in accordance with the gospel will have to come from them. In such people faith is solid; it is built on rock, it does not waver. The rains and the storm of trials cannot blow that faith apart.

##### **General Intercessions**

- That we may not just hear and know the word of God but live by it consistently and enthusiastically, we pray:

- That the Lord may be our rock in whom we put our trust and on whom we build our lives, we pray:

- That our friendships may be firm and reliable, we pray:

##### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord our God,  
you offer us the bread and the cup  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
We are eager to share his food  
that unites us, in all our diversity,  
in one community of service and love.  
We are also willing to drink his cup,  
even when it is at times a cup of suffering.  
Accept our offering  
on account of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, our Father,  
your Son has been here with us  
and this is enough for us  
to keep our faith and hope alive  
and make it as solid as rock.  
Let this faith bring forth  
fruits of goodness that come from the heart:  
compassion with those who grieve,  
justice, kindness and service.  
Keep us all in your love  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Blessing**

Scripture often calls God our Rock. Our faith becomes rock-solid when it is built on him and also when it shows what we are in what we do. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.