

# SUGGESTED APACHE 125th SUNDAY READINGS



## EPISTLE READING

### **2 Corinthians 5:11-21 The Ministry of Reconciliation**

**11** Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. **12** We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. **13** If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **15** And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**16** So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.** We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[b]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## GOSPEL READING

### Luke 10: 1-11, 16-17

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two<sup>[a]</sup> others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. **5** “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. **8** “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. **9** Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ **10** But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, **11** ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’  
“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”  
**17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

### **1 Chronicles 16:23-36**

Sing to the Lord, all the earth;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.

**24**

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**25**

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.

**26**

For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**27**

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

**28**

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**29**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him.  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his[e] holiness.

**30**

Tremble before him, all the earth!  
The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

**31**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**32**

Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;  
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

**33**

Let the trees of the forest sing,  
let them sing for joy before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

**34**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**35**

Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior;  
gather us and deliver us from the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name,  
and glory in your praise."

**36**

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise  
the Lord."

## **SERMON THEME and the APACHE 125 THEME**

### **2 Corinthians 6 1-2**

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. **2** For he says,

"In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

