



# Thirty Third Sunday Of The Year

## My Words Will Remain

### Introduction

During the course of a single week we hear a lot of words, but how many of them are worth remembering? Here each Sunday we hear the words of Christ, words that were written down by the people who knew him and were preserved for us over the centuries by the Church. Thus Christ's promise has come true; "All things will pass, but my words will remain". How well do we listen to his words, and how hard do we try to practice them in our lives?

### First Reading (Daniel 12:1-3).

This contains a vision of the prophet Daniel about the end of time. It introduces the belief in a resurrection of the dead and the notion of retribution after death.

### Second Reading (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

This reading insists on the superiority of the sacrifice made by Christ over all the sacrifices of the old law.

### Gospel (Mark 13:24-32).

This talks about the destruction of Jerusalem and the second coming of Christ. Certain signs will precede the first, but the time of the second is known only to God.

### Prayer Of The Faithful

"My words will remain", said Jesus. Let us pray that his words may not only be in our hearts and on our lips but active in our lives.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: that all its members may give effective witness to the truth of the Gospel by the way they live. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



## Liturgy Cycle B

For all those in charge of civil affairs: that the teaching of the Gospel may inspire them in their efforts to ensure justice for all their brothers and sisters. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the unemployed, and for all those who are in pain or distress: that the words of Christ may give them strength and hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may not be mere nominal believers, creating for ourselves a thousand false gods, and living by values that we do not even remotely resemble those of the gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

### Communion Reflection

The Lord's words remain with us  
just as he said they would.

"What good will it do you to gain the while world  
if you lose your soul?

"Love your enemies; pray for those who persecute you.

"The greatest among you is the one who serves.

"There is joy in heaven when a sinner repents.

"Woman, has no one condemned you?

Then neither will I condemn you.

"Seek first the kingdom of God,  
and all these other things that you fret about  
will be given to you".

Lord, your words challenge and inspire,  
they guide and comfort us.

They turn our values upside down.

Once heard, we cannot forget them.

We anchor our lives to them.

For though heaven and earth should pass away,  
your words will never pass away.