

## 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 89(90):3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

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**R** O Lord, you have been our re-fuge, from ge - ne-ra-tion to ge - ne-ra-tion.

The image contains two systems of musical notation. The first system is a vocal line with a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano clef and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The second system is an organ introduction, consisting of two staves of chords in a 3/8 time signature. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

1. You turn man back to dust  
and say: 'Return, O children of Adam.'  
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night. **R**
2. You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades. **R**
3. Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O Lord! How long?  
Show pity to your servants. **R**
4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exalt and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us:  
O give success to the work of our hands. **R**

*The refrain is heard three times at the start:  
first played on the organ,  
then sung by the cantor and repeated by all;  
it is then repeated after each verse.*

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