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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab](#)

God's temple in heaven was opened,
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.

Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,
to devour her child when she gave birth.

She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.

The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed One."

[Ps. 45:10, 11, 12, 16](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (10bc) **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

[1 Cor 15:20-27](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty
and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for "he subjected everything under his feet."

[Lk 1:39-56](#)

Gospel

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

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He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

MONDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 24:15-23](#)

The word of the LORD came to me:
Son of man, by a sudden blow
I am taking away from you the delight of your eyes,
but do not mourn or weep or shed any tears.
Groan in silence, make no lament for the dead,
bind on your turban, put your sandals on your feet,
do not cover your beard, and do not eat the
customary bread.
That evening my wife died,
and the next morning I did as I had been
commanded.
Then the people asked me, "Will you not tell us
what all these things
that you are doing mean for us?"
I therefore spoke to the people that morning, saying
to them:
Thus the word of the LORD came to me:
Say to the house of Israel:
Thus says the Lord GOD:
I will now desecrate my sanctuary, the stronghold
of your pride,
the delight of your eyes, the desire of your soul.
The sons and daughters you left behind shall fall by
the sword.
Ezekiel shall be a sign for you:
all that he did you shall do when it happens.
Thus you shall know that I am the LORD.
You shall do as I have done,
not covering your beards nor eating the customary
bread.
Your turbans shall remain on your heads, your
sandals on your feet.
You shall not mourn or weep,
but you shall rot away because of your sins and
groan one to another.
[Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21](#)
Responsorial Psalm
R. (see 18a) **You have forgotten God who gave
you birth.**
You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you.
You forgot the God who gave you birth.
When the LORD saw this, he was filled with

loathing
and anger toward his sons and daughters.
**R. You have forgotten God who gave you
birth.**

"I will hide my face from them," he said,
"and see what will then become of them.
What a fickle race they are,
sons with no loyalty in them!"

**R. You have forgotten God who gave you
birth.**

"Since they have provoked me with their 'no-god'
and angered me with their vain idols,
I will provoke them with a 'no-people';
with a foolish nation I will anger them."

**R. You have forgotten God who gave you
birth.**

[Mt 19:16-22](#)

Gospel

A young man approached Jesus and said,
"Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"
He answered him, "Why do you ask me about the
good?"

There is only One who is good.
If you wish to enter into life, keep the
commandments."

He asked him, "Which ones?"

And Jesus replied, "*You shall not kill;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;
honor your father and your mother;
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

The young man said to him,
"All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?"
Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go,
sell what you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven.
Then come, follow me."

When the young man heard this statement, he went
away sad,
for he had many possessions.

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 28:1-10](#)

The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man,
say to the prince of Tyre:
Thus says the Lord GOD:
Because you are haughty of heart,
you say, "A god am I!
I occupy a godly throne

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in the heart of the sea!"—
And yet you are a man, and not a god,
however you may think yourself like a god.
Oh yes, you are wiser than Daniel,
there is no secret that is beyond you.
By your wisdom and your intelligence
you have made riches for yourself;
You have put gold and silver
into your treasuries.
By your great wisdom applied to your trading
you have heaped up your riches;
your heart has grown haughty from your riches—
therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
Because you have thought yourself
to have the mind of a god,
Therefore I will bring against you
foreigners, the most barbarous of nations.
They shall draw their swords
against your beautiful wisdom,
they shall run them through your splendid apparel.
They shall thrust you down to the pit, there to die
a bloodied corpse, in the heart of the sea.
Will you then say, "I am a god!"
when you face your murderers?
No, you are man, not a god,
handed over to those who will slay you.
You shall die the death of the uncircumcised
at the hands of foreigners,
for I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

[Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab](#)
Responsorial Psalm

R. (39c) **It is I who deal death and give life.**

"I would have said, 'I will make an end of them
and blot out their name from men's memories,'
Had I not feared the insolence of their enemies,
feared that these foes would mistakenly boast."

R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**

"Our own hand won the victory;
the LORD had nothing to do with it."
For they are a people devoid of reason,
having no understanding.

R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**

"How could one man rout a thousand,
or two men put ten thousand to flight,
Unless it was because their Rock sold them
and the LORD delivered them up?"

R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**

Close at hand is the day of their disaster,
and their doom is rushing upon them!
Surely, the LORD shall do justice for his people;
on his servants he shall have pity.

R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**

[Mt 19:23-30](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich
to enter the Kingdom of heaven.
Again I say to you,
it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a
needle
than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of
God."
When the disciples heard this, they were greatly
astonished and said,
"Who then can be saved?"
Jesus looked at them and said,
"For men this is impossible,
but for God all things are possible."
Then Peter said to him in reply,
"We have given up everything and followed you.
What will there be for us?"
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you
that you who have followed me, in the new age,
when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of
glory,
will yourselves sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
And everyone who has given up houses or brothers
or sisters
or father or mother or children or lands
for the sake of my name will receive a hundred
times more,
and will inherit eternal life.
But many who are first will be last, and the last will
be first."

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 34:1-11](#)

The word of the Lord came to me:
Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of
Israel,
in these words prophesy to them to the shepherds:
Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the shepherds of
Israel
who have been pasturing themselves!
Should not shepherds, rather, pasture sheep?
You have fed off their milk, worn their wool,
and slaughtered the fatlings,
but the sheep you have not pastured.
You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick
nor bind up the injured.
You did not bring back the strayed nor seek the lost,
but you lorded it over them harshly and brutally.

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So they were scattered for the lack of a shepherd,
and became food for all the wild beasts.

My sheep were scattered
and wandered over all the mountains and high
hills;

my sheep were scattered over the whole earth,
with no one to look after them or to search for
them.

Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
As I live, says the Lord GOD,

because my sheep have been given over to pillage,
and because my sheep have become food for every
wild beast,

for lack of a shepherd;

because my shepherds did not look after my sheep,
but pastured themselves and did not pasture my
sheep;

because of this, shepherds, hear the word of the
LORD:

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I swear I am coming against these shepherds.

I will claim my sheep from them

and put a stop to their shepherding my sheep
so that they may no longer pasture themselves.

I will save my sheep,

that they may no longer be food for their mouths.

For thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

[Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.**

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness will follow me
all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.**

[Mt 20:1-16](#)

Gospel

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his
vineyard.

After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage,
he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock,

he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard,
and I will give you what is just.'

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon,

and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock,

he found others standing around, and said to them,

'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'

He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said
to his foreman,

'Summon the laborers and give them their pay,
beginning with the last and ending with the first.'

When those who had started about five o'clock
came,

each received the usual daily wage.

So when the first came, they thought that they
would receive more,

but each of them also got the usual wage.

And on receiving it they grumbled against the
landowner, saying,

'These last ones worked only one hour,

and you have made them equal to us,

who bore the day's burden and the heat.'

He said to one of them in reply,

'My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own
money?

Are you envious because I am generous?'

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

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[Ez 36:23-28](#)

Thus says the LORD:

I will prove the holiness of my great name,
profaned among the nations,
in whose midst you have profaned it.
Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD,
says the Lord GOD,
when in their sight I prove my holiness through
you.
For I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the foreign lands,
and bring you back to your own land.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you
to cleanse you from all your impurities,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit
within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts
and giving you natural hearts.
I will put my spirit within you and make you live by
my statutes,
careful to observe my decrees.

You shall live in the land I gave your ancestors;
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

[Ps. 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (Ezekiel 36:25) **I will pour clean water on
you and wash away all your sins.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. **I will pour clean water on you and wash
away all your sins.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

R. **I will pour clean water on you and wash
away all your sins.**

For you are not pleased with sacrifices;
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not
accept it.

My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not
spurn.

R. **I will pour clean water on you and wash
away all your sins.**

[Mt 22:1-14](#)

Gospel

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and
the elders of the people in parables saying,
"The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who gave a wedding feast for his son.

He dispatched his servants to summon the invited
guests to the feast,
but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying,
'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my
banquet,
my calves and fattened cattle are killed,
and everything is ready; come to the feast."''
Some ignored the invitation and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business.
The rest laid hold of his servants,
mistreated them, and killed them.
The king was enraged and sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
Then the king said to his servants, 'The feast is
ready,
but those who were invited were not worthy to
come.

Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find.'
The servants went out into the streets
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,
and the hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to meet the guests
he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding
garment.

He said to him, 'My friend, how is it
that you came in here without a wedding garment?'
But he was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his
hands and feet,
and cast him into the darkness outside,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'
Many are invited, but few are chosen."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 37:1-14](#)

The hand of the LORD came upon me,
and led me out in the Spirit of the LORD
and set me in the center of the plain,
which was now filled with bones.
He made me walk among the bones in every
direction
so that I saw how many they were on the surface of
the plain.
How dry they were!
He asked me:
Son of man, can these bones come to life?
I answered, "Lord GOD, you alone know that."
Then he said to me:

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Prophesy over these bones, and say to them:

Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you,

cover you with skin, and put spirit in you

so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.

I prophesied as I had been told,

and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise;

it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone.

I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them, and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.

Then the LORD said to me:

Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man,

and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD:

From the four winds come, O spirit,

and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.

I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them;

they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.

Then he said to me:

Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

They have been saying,

"Our bones are dried up,

our hope is lost, and we are cut off."

Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

O my people, I will open your graves

and have you rise from them,

and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD,

when I open your graves and have you rise from them,

O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,

and I will settle you upon your land;

thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

[Ps. 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say,

those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe

And gathered from the lands,

from the east and the west, from the north and the

south.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

They went astray in the desert wilderness; the way to an inhabited city they did not find.

Hungry and thirsty,

their life was wasting away within them.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

They cried to the LORD in their distress;

from their straits he rescued them.

And he led them by a direct way

to reach an inhabited city.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy

and his wondrous deeds to the children of men,

Because he satisfied the longing soul

and filled the hungry soul with good things.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

[Mt 22:34-40](#)

Gospel

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,

they gathered together, and one of them,

a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,

with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 43:1-7ab](#)

The angel led me to the gate which faces the east, and there I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east.

I heard a sound like the roaring of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory.

The vision was like that which I had seen

when he came to destroy the city,

and like that which I had seen by the river Chebar.

I fell prone as the glory of the LORD entered the

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temple
by way of the gate which faces the east,
but spirit lifted me up and brought me to the inner
court.
And I saw that the temple was filled with the glory
of the Lord.
Then I heard someone speaking to me from the
temple,
while the man stood beside me.
The voice said to me:
Son of man, this is where my throne shall be,
this is where I will set the soles of my feet;
here I will dwell among the children of Israel
forever.

[Ps. 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 10b) **The glory of the Lord will dwell in
our land.**

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD –for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. **The glory of the Lord will dwell in our
land.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **The glory of the Lord will dwell in our
land.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

R. **The glory of the Lord will dwell in our
land.**

[Mt 23:1-12](#)

Gospel

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples,
saying,
“The scribes and the Pharisees
have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.
Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever
they tell you,
but do not follow their example.
For they preach but they do not practice.
They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry
and lay them on people’s shoulders,
but they will not lift a finger to move them.
All their works are performed to be seen.
They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their
tassels.
They love places of honor at banquets, seats of
honor in synagogues,

greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation
‘Rabbi.’

As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’
You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.
Call no one on earth your father;
you have but one Father in heaven.
Do not be called ‘Master’;
you have but one master, the Christ.
The greatest among you must be your servant.
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”
