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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23](#)

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!
Here is one who has labored with wisdom and
knowledge and skill,
and yet to another who has not labored over it,
he must leave property.
This also is vanity and a great misfortune.
For what profit comes to man from all the toil and
anxiety of heart
with which he has labored under the sun?
All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation;
even at night his mind is not at rest.

This also is vanity.

[Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be
ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

[Col 3:1-5, 9-11](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:
If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.
For you have died,

and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and the greed that is idolatry.
Stop lying to one another,
since you have taken off the old self with its
practices
and have put on the new self,
which is being renewed, for knowledge,
in the image of its creator.
Here there is not Greek and Jew,
circumcision and uncircumcision,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;
but Christ is all and in all.

[Lk 12:13-21](#)

Gospel

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance
with me."

He replied to him,

"Friend, who appointed me as your judge and
arbitrator?"

Then he said to the crowd,

"Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced a
bountiful harvest.

He asked himself, 'What shall I do,
for I do not have space to store my harvest?'

And he said, 'This is what I shall do:

I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.

There I shall store all my grain and other goods

and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you,
you have so many good things stored up for many
years,

rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

But God said to him,

'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of
you;

and the things you have prepared, to whom will
they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for
themselves

but are not rich in what matters to God."

MONDAY

Reading 1

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[Jer 28:1-17](#)

In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah,
in the fifth month of the fourth year,
the prophet Hananiah, son of Azzur, from Gibeon,
said to me in the house of the LORD
in the presence of the priests and all the people:
"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
'I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.
Within two years I will restore to this place
all the vessels of the temple of the LORD which
Nebuchadnezzar,
king of Babylon, took away from this place to
Babylon.
And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah,
son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah,
and all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon,'
says the LORD,
'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.'"
The prophet Jeremiah answered the prophet
Hananiah
in the presence of the priests and all the people
assembled
in the house of the LORD, and said:
Amen! thus may the LORD do!
May he fulfill the things you have prophesied
by bringing the vessels of the house of the LORD
and all the exiles back from Babylon to this place!
But now, listen to what I am about to state in your
hearing
and the hearing of all the people.
From of old, the prophets who were before you and
me prophesied
war, woe, and pestilence against many lands and
mighty kingdoms.
But the prophet who prophesies peace
is recognized as truly sent by the LORD
only when his prophetic prediction is fulfilled.
Thereupon the prophet Hananiah took the yoke
from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah and broke it,
and said in the presence of all the people:
"Thus says the LORD: 'Even so, within two years
I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, king of
Babylon,
from off the neck of all the nations.'"
At that, the prophet Jeremiah went away.
Some time after the prophet Hananiah had broken
the yoke
from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah,
The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:
Go tell Hananiah this:
Thus says the LORD:
By breaking a wooden yoke, you forge an iron yoke!
For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

A yoke of iron I will place on the necks
of all these nations serving Nebuchadnezzar, king of
Babylon,
and they shall serve him; even the beasts of the field
I give him.

To the prophet Hananiah the prophet Jeremiah
said:

Hear this, Hananiah!
The LORD has not sent you,
and you have raised false confidence in this people.
For this, says the LORD, I will dispatch you from
the face of the earth;
this very year you shall die,
because you have preached rebellion against the
LORD.

That same year, in the seventh month, Hananiah
the prophet died.

[Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (68b) **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

Remove from me the way of falsehood,
and favor me with your law.

R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

Take not the word of truth from my mouth,
for in your ordinances is my hope.

R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

Let those turn to me who fear you
and acknowledge your decrees.

R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

Let my heart be perfect in your statutes,
that I be not put to shame.

R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

Sinners wait to destroy me,
but I pay heed to your decrees.

R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

From your ordinances I turn not away,
for you have instructed me.

R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

[Mt 14:13-21](#)

Gospel

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist,
he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by
himself.

The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot
from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them, and he
cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him
and said,

"This is a deserted place and it is already late;
dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the
villages
and buy food for themselves."

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He said to them, "There is no need for them to go away;
give them some food yourselves."
But they said to him,
"Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."
Then he said, "Bring them here to me,"
and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied,
and they picked up the fragments left over—
twelve wicker baskets full.
Those who ate were about five thousand men,
not counting women and children.

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22](#)

The following message came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
Write all the words I have spoken to you in a book.

For thus says the LORD:

Incurable is your wound,
grievous your bruise;

There is none to plead your cause,
no remedy for your running sore,
no healing for you.

All your lovers have forgotten you,
they do not seek you.

I struck you as an enemy would strike,
punished you cruelly;

Why cry out over your wound?
your pain is without relief.

Because of your great guilt,
your numerous sins,

I have done this to you.

Thus says the LORD:

See! I will restore the tents of Jacob,
his dwellings I will pity;

City shall be rebuilt upon hill,
and palace restored as it was.

From them will resound songs of praise,
the laughter of happy men.

I will make them not few, but many;
they will not be tiny, for I will glorify them.

His sons shall be as of old,

his assembly before me shall stand firm;

I will punish all his oppressors.

His leader shall be one of his own,
and his rulers shall come from his kin.

When I summon him, he shall approach me;
how else should one take the deadly risk
of approaching me? says the LORD.

You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

[Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (17) The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

The nations shall revere your name, O LORD,
and all the kings of the earth your glory,
When the LORD has rebuilt Zion

and appeared in his glory;

When he has regarded the prayer of the destitute,
and not despised their prayer.

R. The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

Let this be written for the generation to come,
and let his future creatures praise the LORD:

"The LORD looked down from his holy height,
from heaven he beheld the earth,

To hear the groaning of the prisoners,
to release those doomed to die."

R. The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

The children of your servants shall abide,
and their posterity shall continue in your presence,
That the name of the LORD may be declared on Zion;

and his praise, in Jerusalem,

When the peoples gather together
and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

R. The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

[Mt 14:22-36](#) or [Mt 15:1-2, 10-14](#)

Gospel

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat
and precede him to the other side of the sea,
while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by
himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind
was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them, walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they
were terrified.

"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.
At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I;

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do not be afraid."
Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,
"Truly, you are the Son of God."
After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret.
When the men of that place recognized him, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought to him all those who were sick and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak,
and as many as touched it were healed.
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,
"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders?
They do not wash their hands when they eat a meal."
He summoned the crowd and said to them, "Hear and understand.
It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles the man;
but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one."
Then his disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"
He said in reply, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.
Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 31:1-7](#)

At that time, says the LORD,
I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel,
and they shall be my people.
Thus says the LORD:
The people that escaped the sword
have found favor in the desert.
As Israel comes forward to be given his rest,
the LORD appears to him from afar:
With age-old love I have loved you;
so I have kept my mercy toward you.
Again I will restore you, and you shall be rebuilt,
O virgin Israel;
Carrying your festive tambourines,
you shall go forth dancing with the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
those who plant them shall enjoy the fruits.
Yes, a day will come when the watchmen
will call out on Mount Ephraim:
"Rise up, let us go to Zion,
to the LORD, our God."
For thus says the LORD:
Shout with joy for Jacob,
exult at the head of the nations;
proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has delivered his people,
the remnant of Israel.
[Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13](#)
Responsorial Psalm
R. (see 10d) **The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.**
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
proclaim it on distant isles, and say:
He who scattered Israel, now gathers them together,
he guards them as a shepherd his flock.
R. **The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.**
The LORD shall ransom Jacob,
he shall redeem him from the hand of his conqueror.
Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion,
they shall come streaming to the LORD's blessings.
R. **The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.**
Then the virgins shall make merry and dance,
and young men and old as well.
I will turn their mourning into joy.
I will console and gladden them after their sorrows.
R. **The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.**
[Mt 15: 21-28](#)

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Gospel

At that time Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!

My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not say a word in answer to her.

His disciples came and asked him,

"Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply,

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did him homage, saying,

"Lord, help me."

He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps

that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed from that hour.

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 31:31-34](#)

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel

and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers:

the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant,

and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives

how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,

for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. (12a) **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

[Mt 16:13-23](#)

Gospel

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,

still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my Church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples

to tell no one that he was the Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples

that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly

from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke

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him,
"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."
He turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Dn 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

As I watched:

Thrones were set up
and the Ancient One took his throne.
His clothing was bright as snow,
and the hair on his head as white as wool;
his throne was flames of fire,
with wheels of burning fire.
A surging stream of fire
flowed out from where he sat;
Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him,
and myriads upon myriads attended him.
The court was convened and the books were opened.
As the visions during the night continued, I saw:
One like a Son of man coming,
on the clouds of heaven;
When he reached the Ancient One
and was presented before him,
The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory,
and kingship;
all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

[Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 9](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1a and 9a) **The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

[2 Pt 1:16-19](#)

Reading 2

Beloved:

We did not follow cleverly devised myths
when we made known to you
the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
For he received honor and glory from God the Father
when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven
while we were with him on the holy mountain.
Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable.

You will do well to be attentive to it,
as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

[Lk 9:28b-36](#)

Gospel

Jesus took Peter, John, and James
and went up a mountain to pray.
While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.
And behold, two men were conversing with him,
Moses and Elijah,
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,
but becoming fully awake,
they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.
As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,
"Master, it is good that we are here;
let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
But he did not know what he was saying.
While he was still speaking,
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

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Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."
After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
They fell silent and did not at that time
tell anyone what they had seen.

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Hb 1:12–2:4](#)

Are you not from eternity, O LORD,
my holy God, immortal?
O LORD, you have marked him for judgment,
O Rock, you have readied him punishment!
Too pure are your eyes to look upon evil,
and the sight of misery you cannot endure.
Why, then, do you gaze on the faithless in silence
while the wicked man devours
one more just than himself?
You have made man like the fish of the sea,
like creeping things without a ruler.
He brings them all up with his hook,
he hauls them away with his net,
He gathers them in his seine;
and so he rejoices and exults.
Therefore he sacrifices to his net,
and burns incense to his seine;
for thanks to them his portion is generous,
and his repast sumptuous.
Shall he, then, keep on brandishing his sword
to slay peoples without mercy?
I will stand at my guard post,
and station myself upon the rampart,
And keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what answer he will give to my complaint.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write down the vision
Clearly upon the tablets,
so that one can read it readily.
For the vision still has its time,
presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;
If it delays, wait for it,
it will surely come, it will not be late.
The rash man has no integrity;
but the just man, because of his faith, shall live.

[Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (11b) **You forsake not those who seek you,
O Lord.**

The LORD sits enthroned forever;
he has set up his throne for judgment.
He judges the world with justice;

he governs the peoples with equity.

R. **You forsake not those who seek you, O
Lord.**

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of distress.

They trust in you who cherish your name,
for you forsake not those who seek you, O LORD.

R. **You forsake not those who seek you, O
Lord.**

Sing praise to the LORD enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations his deeds;
For the avenger of blood has remembered;
he has not forgotten the cry of the poor.

R. **You forsake not those who seek you, O
Lord.**

[Mt 17:14-20](#)

Gospel

A man came up to Jesus, knelt down before him,
and said,

"Lord, have pity on my son, who is a lunatic and
suffers severely;

often he falls into fire, and often into water.

I brought him to your disciples, but they could not
cure him."

Jesus said in reply,

"O faithless and perverse generation, how long will
I be with you?

How long will I endure you?

Bring the boy here to me."

Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him,
and from that hour the boy was cured.

Then the disciples approached Jesus in private and
said,

"Why could we not drive it out?"

He said to them, "Because of your little faith.

Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a
mustard seed,

you will say to this mountain,

'Move from here to there,' and it will move.

Nothing will be impossible for you."
