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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Wis 18:6-9](#)

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers,
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith,
they might have courage.
Your people awaited the salvation of the just
and the destruction of their foes.
For when you punished our adversaries,
in this you glorified us whom you had summoned.
For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice
and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

[Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (12b) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

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[Heb 11:1-2, 8-19](#) or [11:1-2, 8-12](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.
Because of it the ancients were well attested.
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.
By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise;
for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God.
By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile—
for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.
So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead,

descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.
All these died in faith.

They did not receive what had been promised
but saw it and greeted it from afar
and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth,
for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come,
they would have had opportunity to return.
But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.
Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared a city for them.
By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac,
and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son,
of whom it was said,
“Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.”
He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead,
and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

or

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[Lk 12:32-48](#) or [12:35-40](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.
Sell your belongings and give alms.
Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.
“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a

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wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.
Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”
Then Peter said,
“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?”
And the Lord replied,
“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
whom the master will put in charge of his servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?
Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing
so.
Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant
in charge of all his property.
But if that servant says to himself,
‘My master is delayed in coming,’
and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,
to eat and drink and get drunk,
then that servant’s master will come
on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour
and will punish the servant severely
and assign him a place with the unfaithful.
That servant who knew his master’s will
but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will
shall be beaten severely;
and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will
but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating
shall be beaten only lightly.
Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with
more.”
or
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MONDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c](#)

On the fifth day of the fourth month of the fifth year,
that is, of King Jehoiachin’s exile,
The word of the LORD came to the priest Ezekiel,
the son of Buzi,
in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar.—
There the hand of the LORD came upon me.
As I looked, a stormwind came from the North,
a huge cloud with flashing fire enveloped in brightness,
from the midst of which (the midst of the fire)
something gleamed like electrum.
Within it were figures resembling four living creatures
that looked like this: their form was human.
Then I heard the sound of their wings,
like the roaring of mighty waters,
like the voice of the Almighty.
When they moved, the sound of the tumult was like the din of
an army.
And when they stood still, they lowered their wings.
Above the firmament over their heads
something like a throne could be seen,
looking like sapphire.
Upon it was seated, up above, one who had the appearance of
a man.
Upward from what resembled his waist I saw what gleamed
like electrum;
downward from what resembled his waist I saw what looked
like fire;
he was surrounded with splendor.
Like the bow which appears in the clouds on a rainy day
was the splendor that surrounded him.
Such was the vision of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.
[Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights;

Praise him, all you his angels;

praise him, all you his hosts.

R. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,

the princes and all the judges of the earth,

Young men too, and maidens,

old men and boys,

R. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

or:

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R. Alleluia.

Praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

R. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

or:

R. Alleluia.

And he has lifted up the horn of his people.
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,
from the children of Israel, the people close to him.
Alleluia.

R. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

or:

R. Alleluia.

[Mt 17:22-27](#)

Gospel

As Jesus and his disciples were gathering in Galilee,
Jesus said to them,
“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men,
and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.”
And they were overwhelmed with grief.
When they came to Capernaum,
the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said,
“Does not your teacher pay the temple tax?”
“Yes,” he said.
When he came into the house, before he had time to speak,
Jesus asked him, “What is your opinion, Simon?
From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax?
From their subjects or from foreigners?”
When he said, “From foreigners,” Jesus said to him,
“Then the subjects are exempt.
But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a
hook,
and take the first fish that comes up.
Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the
temple tax.
Give that to them for me and for you.”

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[2 Cor 9:6-10](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Each must do as already determined, without sadness or
compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you,
so that in all things, always having all you need,
you may have an abundance for every good work.
As it is written:
*He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.*

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

[Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (5) Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those
in need.**

Blessed the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commands.
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;
the upright generation shall be blessed.

**R. Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in
need.**

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice;
He shall never be moved;
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

**R. Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in
need.**

An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear
till he looks down upon his foes.

**R. Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in
need.**

Lavishly he gives to the poor,
his generosity shall endure forever;
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

**R. Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in
need.**

[Jn 12:24-26](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22](#)

The LORD cried loud for me to hear: Come, you scourges of
the city!

With that I saw six men coming from the direction
of the upper gate which faces the north,
each with a destroying weapon in his hand.
In their midst was a man dressed in linen,
with a writer's case at his waist.
They entered and stood beside the bronze altar.

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Then he called to the man dressed in linen
with the writer's case at his waist, saying to him:
Pass through the city, through Jerusalem,
and mark a "Thau" on the foreheads of those who moan and
groan
over all the abominations that are practiced within it.
To the others I heard the LORD say:
Pass through the city after him and strike!
Do not look on them with pity nor show any mercy!
Old men, youths and maidens, women and children—wipe
them out!
But do not touch any marked with the "Thau"; begin at my
sanctuary.
So they began with the men, the elders, who were in front of
the temple.
Defile the temple, he said to them, and fill the courts with the
slain;
then go out and strike in the city.
Then the glory of the LORD left the threshold of the temple
and rested upon the cherubim.
These lifted their wings, and I saw them rise from the earth,
the wheels rising along with them.
They stood at the entrance of the eastern gate of the LORD's
house,
and the glory of the God of Israel was up above them.
Then the cherubim lifted their wings, and the wheels went
along with them,
while up above them was the glory of the God of Israel.

[Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (4b) The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

both now and forever.

R. The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

From the rising to the setting of the sun

is the name of the LORD to be praised.

High above all nations is the LORD;

above the heavens is his glory.

R. The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high,
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

[Mt 18:15-20](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you,

go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen,
take one or two others along with you,
so that every fact may be established
on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church.
If he refuses to listen even to the Church,
then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.
Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.
For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 12:1-12](#)

The word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house;

they have eyes to see but do not see,

and ears to hear but do not hear,

for they are a rebellious house.

Now, son of man, during the day while they are looking on,

prepare your baggage as though for exile,

and again while they are looking on,

migrate from where you live to another place;

perhaps they will see that they are a rebellious house.

You shall bring out your baggage like an exile in the daytime
while they are looking on;

in the evening, again while they are looking on,

you shall go out like one of those driven into exile;

while they look on, dig a hole in the wall and pass through it;

while they look on, shoulder the burden and set out in the
darkness;

cover your face that you may not see the land,

for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel.

I did as I was told.

During the day I brought out my baggage

as though it were that of an exile,

and at evening I dug a hole through the wall with my hand

and, while they looked on, set out in the darkness,

shouldering my burden.

Then, in the morning, the word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, did not the house of Israel, that rebellious house,
ask you what you were doing?

Tell them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

This oracle concerns Jerusalem

and the whole house of Israel within it.

I am a sign for you:

as I have done, so shall it be done to them;

as captives they shall go into exile.

The prince who is among them shall shoulder his burden

and set out in darkness,

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going through a hole he has dug out in the wall,
and covering his face lest he be seen by anyone.

[Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 7b) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

They tempted and rebelled against God the Most High,
and kept not his decrees.

They turned back and were faithless like their fathers;
they recoiled like a treacherous bow.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

They angered him with their high places
and with their idols roused his jealousy.

God heard and was enraged
and utterly rejected Israel.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

And he surrendered his strength into captivity,
his glory in the hands of the foe.

He abandoned his people to the sword
and was enraged against his inheritance.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

[Mt 18:21-19:1](#)

Gospel

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

“Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive him?

As many as seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-
seven times.

That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting,
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge
amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back,
his master ordered him to be sold,
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,
in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,
‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’

Moved with compassion the master of that servant
let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants
who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,
‘Pay back what you owe.’

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,
‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison
until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,
they were deeply disturbed,
and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked
servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.
Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?’

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers
until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,
unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee
and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63](#) or [Ez 16:59-63](#)

The word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations.

Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem:

By origin and birth you are of the land of Canaan;
your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

As for your birth, the day you were born your navel cord was
not cut;

you were neither washed with water nor anointed,
nor were you rubbed with salt, nor swathed in swaddling
clothes.

No one looked on you with pity or compassion
to do any of these things for you.

Rather, you were thrown out on the ground as something
loathsome,
the day you were born.

Then I passed by and saw you weltering in your blood.

I said to you: Live in your blood and grow like a plant in the
field.

You grew and developed, you came to the age of puberty;
your breasts were formed, your hair had grown,
but you were still stark naked.

Again I passed by you and saw that you were now old enough
for love.

So I spread the corner of my cloak over you to cover your
nakedness;

I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you;
you became mine, says the Lord GOD.

Then I bathed you with water, washed away your blood,
and anointed you with oil.

I clothed you with an embroidered gown,
put sandals of fine leather on your feet;

I gave you a fine linen sash and silk robes to wear.

I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms,
a necklace about your neck, a ring in your nose,
pendants in your ears, and a glorious diadem upon your head.

Thus you were adorned with gold and silver;

your garments were of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth.
Fine flour, honey, and oil were your food.

You were exceedingly beautiful, with the dignity of a queen.

You were renowned among the nations for your beauty,
perfect as it was,

because of my splendor which I had bestowed on you,
says the Lord GOD.

But you were captivated by your own beauty,
you used your renown to make yourself a harlot,

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and you lavished your harlotry on every passer-by,
whose own you became.
Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you when you
were a girl,
and I will set up an everlasting covenant with you,
that you may remember and be covered with confusion,
and that you may be utterly silenced for shame
when I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD.

Or

Thus says the LORD:

I will deal with you according to what you have done,
you who despised your oath, breaking a covenant.
Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you when you
were a girl,
and I will set up an everlasting covenant with you.
Then you shall remember your conduct and be ashamed
when I take your sisters, those older and younger than you,
and give them to you as daughters,
even though I am not bound by my covenant with you.
For I will re-establish my covenant with you,
that you may know that I am the LORD,
that you may remember and be covered with confusion,
and that you may be utterly silenced for shame
when I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD.

[Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1c) You have turned from your anger.

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water

at the fountain of salvation.

R. You have turned from your anger.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;

among the nations make known his deeds,

proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You have turned from your anger.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;

let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,

for great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You have turned from your anger.

[Mt 19:3-12](#)

Gospel

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause
whatever?”

He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning
the Creator *made them male and female* and said,

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?*

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not
separate.”

They said to him, “Then why did Moses command
that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss

her?”

He said to them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts
Moses allowed you to divorce your wives,
but from the beginning it was not so.

I say to you, whoever divorces his wife
(unless the marriage is unlawful)
and marries another commits adultery.”

His disciples said to him,

“If that is the case of a man with his wife,
it is better not to marry.”

He answered, “Not all can accept this word,
but only those to whom that is granted.

Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so;
some, because they were made so by others;
some, because they have renounced marriage
for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven.

Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.”

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32](#)

The word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, what is the meaning of this proverb

that you recite in the land of Israel:

“Fathers have eaten green grapes,
thus their children’s teeth are on edge”?

As I live, says the Lord GOD:

I swear that there shall no longer be anyone among you
who will repeat this proverb in Israel.

For all lives are mine;

the life of the father is like the life of the son, both are mine;
only the one who sins shall die.

If a man is virtuous—if he does what is right and just,
if he does not eat on the mountains,

nor raise his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel;

if he does not defile his neighbor’s wife,

nor have relations with a woman in her menstrual period;

if he oppresses no one,

gives back the pledge received for a debt,

commits no robbery;

if he gives food to the hungry and clothes the naked;

if he does not lend at interest nor exact usury;

if he holds off from evildoing,

judges fairly between a man and his opponent;

if he lives by my statutes and is careful to observe my

ordinances,

that man is virtuous—he shall surely live, says the Lord GOD.

But if he begets a son who is a thief, a murderer,

or lends at interest and exacts usury—

this son certainly shall not live.

Because he practiced all these abominations, he shall surely
die;

his death shall be his own fault.

Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel,

each one according to his ways, says the Lord GOD.

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Turn and be converted from all your crimes,
that they may be no cause of guilt for you.
Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed,
and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.
Why should you die, O house of Israel?
For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,
says the Lord GOD. Return and live!

[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 19:13-15](#)

Gospel

Children were brought to Jesus
that he might lay his hands on them and pray.
The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said,
“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;
for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
After he placed his hands on them, he went away.
