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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Dt 30:10-14](#)

Moses said to the people:

"If only you would heed the voice of the LORD,
your God,
and keep his commandments and statutes
that are written in this book of the law,
when you return to the LORD, your God,
with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today
is not too mysterious and remote for you.
It is not up in the sky, that you should say,
'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'
Nor is it across the sea, that you should say,
'Who will cross the sea to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'
No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out."

[Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (cf. 33) **Turn to the Lord in your need, and
you will live.**

I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your
kindness:
in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you
will live.**

I am afflicted and in pain;
let your saving help, O God, protect me.
I will praise the name of God in song,
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

R. **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you
will live.**

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

R. **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you
will live.**

For God will save Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The descendants of his servants shall inherit it,
and those who love his name shall inhabit it.

R. **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you
will live.**
or

[Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11](#)

R. (9a) **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

R. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

[Col1:15-20](#)

Reading 2

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on
earth,

the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or
powers;

all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those in
heaven.

[Lk 10:25-37](#)

Gospel

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test
him and said,

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?
How do you read it?"

He said in reply,

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,*

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*and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."*

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly;
do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to
Jesus,

"And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied,

"A man fell victim to robbers

as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

They stripped and beat him and went off leaving
him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road,
but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite
side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place,
and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite
side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him
was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim,
poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged
them.

Then he lifted him up on his own animal,
took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins
and gave them to the innkeeper with the
instruction,

"Take care of him.

If you spend more than what I have given you,
I shall repay you on my way back."

Which of these three, in your opinion,
was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with
mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

MONDAY

Reading 1

[Is 1:10-17](#)

Hear the word of the LORD,
princes of Sodom!

Listen to the instruction of our God,
people of Gomorrah!

What care I for the number of your sacrifices?
says the LORD.

I have had enough of whole-burnt rams
and fat of fatlings;

In the blood of calves, lambs and goats
I find no pleasure.

When you come in to visit me,
who asks these things of you?

Trample my courts no more!

Bring no more worthless offerings;
your incense is loathsome to me.

New moon and sabbath, calling of assemblies,
octaves with wickedness: these I cannot bear.

Your new moons and festivals I detest;
they weigh me down, I tire of the load.

When you spread out your hands,
I close my eyes to you;

Though you pray the more,
I will not listen.

Your hands are full of blood!

Wash yourselves clean!

Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes;
cease doing evil; learn to do good.

Make justice your aim: redress the wronged,
hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow.

[Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (23b) **To the upright I will show the saving
power of God.**

"Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you,
for your burnt offerings are before me always.

I take from your house no bullock,
no goats out of your fold."

R. **To the upright I will show the saving
power of God.**

"Why do you recite my statutes,
and profess my covenant with your mouth,

Though you hate discipline
and cast my words behind you?"

R. **To the upright I will show the saving
power of God.**

"When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it?

Or do you think you that I am like yourself?

I will correct you by drawing them up before your
eyes.

He that offers praise as a sacrifice glorifies me;
and to him that goes the right way I will show the
salvation of God."

R. **To the upright I will show the saving
power of God.**

[Mt 10:34-11:1](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his Apostles:

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon
the earth.

I have come to bring not peace but the sword.

For I have come to set

a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's enemies will be those of his household.

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"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
"Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.
Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man
because he is righteous
will receive a righteous man's reward.
And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because he is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."
When Jesus finished giving these commands to his
Twelve disciples,
he went away from that place to teach and to preach
in their towns.

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Is 7:1-9](#)

In the days of Ahaz, king of Judah, son of Jotham,
son of Uzziah,
Rezin, king of Aram,
and Pekah, king of Israel, son of Remaliah,
went up to attack Jerusalem,
but they were not able to conquer it.
When word came to the house of David that Aram
was encamped in Ephraim,
the heart of the king and the heart of the people
trembled,
as the trees of the forest tremble in the wind.
Then the LORD said to Isaiah: Go out to meet Ahaz,
you and your son Shear-jashub,
at the end of the conduit of the upper pool,
on the highway of the fuller's field, and say to him:
Take care you remain tranquil and do not fear;
let not your courage fail
before these two stumps of smoldering brands
the blazing anger of Rezin and the Arameans,
and of the son Remaliah,
because of the mischief that
Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah,
plots against you, saying,

"Let us go up and tear Judah asunder, make it our
own by force,
and appoint the son of Tabeel king there."

Thus says the LORD:

This shall not stand, it shall not be!
Damascus is the capital of Aram,
and Rezin is the head of Damascus;
Samaria is the capital of Ephraim,
and Remaliah's son the head of Samaria.
But within sixty years and five,
Ephraim shall be crushed, no longer a nation.
Unless your faith is firm
you shall not be firm!

[Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 9d) **God upholds his city for ever.**

Great is the LORD and wholly to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain, fairest of heights,
is the joy of all the earth.

R. **God upholds his city for ever.**

Mount Zion, "the recesses of the North,"
is the city of the great King.

God is with her castles;
renowned is he as a stronghold.

R. **God upholds his city for ever.**

For lo! the kings assemble,
they come on together;

They also see, and at once are stunned,
terrified, routed.

R. **God upholds his city for ever.**

Quaking seizes them there;

anguish, like a woman's in labor,

As though a wind from the east

were shattering ships of Tarshish.

R. **God upholds his city for ever.**

[Mt 11:20-24](#)

Gospel

Jesus began to reproach the towns
where most of his mighty deeds had been done,
since they had not repented.

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!

For if the mighty deeds done in your midst

had been done in Tyre and Sidon,

they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and
ashes.

But I tell you, it will be more tolerable

for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for
you.

And as for you, Capernaum:

Will you be exalted to heaven?

You will go down to the nether world.

For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had
been done in Sodom,

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it would have remained until this day.
But I tell you, it will be more tolerable
for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than
for you."

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Is 10:5-7, 13b-16](#)

Thus says the LORD:

Woe to Assyria! My rod in anger,
my staff in wrath.

Against an impious nation I send him,
and against a people under my wrath I order him
To seize plunder, carry off loot,
and tread them down like the mud of the streets.

But this is not what he intends,
nor does he have this in mind;
Rather, it is in his heart to destroy,
to make an end of nations not a few.

For he says:

"By my own power I have done it,
and by my wisdom, for I am shrewd.
I have moved the boundaries of peoples,
their treasures I have pillaged,
and, like a giant, I have put down the enthroned.
My hand has seized like a nest
the riches of nations;

As one takes eggs left alone,
so I took in all the earth;
No one fluttered a wing,
or opened a mouth, or chirped!"

Will the axe boast against him who hews with it?
Will the saw exalt itself above him who wields it?
As if a rod could sway him who lifts it,
or a staff him who is not wood!

Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
will send among his fat ones leanness,
And instead of his glory there will be kindling
like the kindling of fire.

[Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (14a) **The Lord will not abandon his people.**

Your people, O LORD, they trample down,
your inheritance they afflict.
Widow and stranger they slay,
the fatherless they murder.

R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**

And they say, "The LORD sees not;
the God of Jacob perceives not."

Understand, you senseless ones among the people;
and, you fools, when will you be wise?

R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**

Shall he who shaped the ear not hear?

or he who formed the eye not see?

Shall he who instructs nations not chastise,
he who teaches men knowledge?

R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**

For the LORD will not cast off his people,
nor abandon his inheritance;

But judgment shall again be with justice,
and all the upright of heart shall follow it.

R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**

[Mt 11:25-27](#)

Gospel

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth,

for although you have hidden these things

from the wise and the learned

you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my
Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19](#)

The way of the just is smooth;

the path of the just you make level.

Yes, for your way and your judgments, O LORD,
we look to you;

Your name and your title
are the desire of our souls.

My soul yearns for you in the night,

yes, my spirit within me keeps vigil for you;

When your judgment dawns upon the earth,
the world's inhabitants learn justice.

O LORD, you mete out peace to us,

for it is you who have accomplished all we have
done.

O LORD, oppressed by your punishment,
we cried out in anguish under your chastising.

As a woman about to give birth

writhes and cries out in her pains,

so were we in your presence, O LORD.

We conceived and writhed in pain,
giving birth to wind;

Salvation we have not achieved for the earth,

the inhabitants of the world cannot bring it forth.

But your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise;

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awake and sing, you who lie in the dust.
For your dew is a dew of light,
and the land of shades gives birth.

[Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (20b) **From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**

You, O LORD, abide forever,
and your name through all generations.
You will arise and have mercy on Zion,
for it is time to pity her.

For her stones are dear to your servants,
and her dust moves them to pity.

R. **From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**

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. **From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**

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. **From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**

[Mt 11:28-30](#)

Gospel

Jesus said:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8](#)

When Hezekiah was mortally ill,
the prophet Isaiah, son of Amoz, came and said to him:

"Thus says the LORD: Put your house in order,
for you are about to die; you shall not recover."

Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and
prayed to the Lord:

"O LORD, remember how faithfully and
wholeheartedly

I conducted myself in your presence,
doing what was pleasing to you!"

And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: "Go,
tell Hezekiah:

Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David:
I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.

I will heal you: in three days you shall go up to the
Lord's temple;

I will add fifteen years to your life.

I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the
king of Assyria;

I will be a shield to this city."

Isaiah then ordered a poultice of figs to be taken
and applied to the boil, that he might recover.

Then Hezekiah asked,

"What is the sign that I shall go up to the temple of
the LORD?"

Isaiah answered:

"This will be the sign for you from the LORD
that he will do what he has promised:

See, I will make the shadow cast by the sun
on the stairway to the terrace of Ahaz
go back the ten steps it has advanced."

So the sun came back the ten steps it had advanced.

[Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 17b) **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**

Once I said,

"In the noontime of life I must depart!

To the gates of the nether world I shall be
consigned

for the rest of my years."

R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**

I said, "I shall see the LORD no more
in the land of the living.

No longer shall I behold my fellow men
among those who dwell in the world."

R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**

My dwelling, like a shepherd's tent,
is struck down and borne away from me;

You have folded up my life, like a weaver
who severs the last thread.

R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**

Those live whom the LORD protects;
yours is the life of my spirit.

You have given me health and life.

R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**

[Mt 12:1-8](#)

Gospel

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Jesus was going through a field of grain on the sabbath.
His disciples were hungry
and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them.
When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him,
"See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do
on the sabbath."
He said to them, "Have you not read what
David did
when he and his companions were hungry,
how he went into the house of God and ate the
bread of offering,
which neither he nor his companions
but only the priests could lawfully eat?
Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath
the priests serving in the temple violate the sabbath
and are innocent?
I say to you, something greater than the temple is
here.
If you knew what this meant, *I desire mercy, not
sacrifice,*
you would not have condemned these innocent
men.
For the Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Mi 2:1-5](#)

Woe to those who plan iniquity,
and work out evil on their couches;
In the morning light they accomplish it
when it lies within their power.
They covet fields, and seize them;
houses, and they take them;
They cheat an owner of his house,
a man of his inheritance.
Therefore thus says the LORD:
Behold, I am planning against this race an evil
from which you shall not withdraw your necks;
Nor shall you walk with head high,
for it will be a time of evil.
On that day a satire shall be sung over you,
and there shall be a plaintive chant:
"Our ruin is complete,
our fields are portioned out among our captors,
The fields of my people are measured out,
and no one can get them back!"
Thus you shall have no one
to mark out boundaries by lot
in the assembly of the LORD.

[Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (12b) **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

Why, O LORD, do you stand aloof?
Why hide in times of distress?
Proudly the wicked harass the afflicted,
who are caught in the devices the wicked have
contrived.

R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

For the wicked man glories in his greed,
and the covetous blasphemers, sets the LORD at
nought.

The wicked man boasts, "He will not avenge it";
"There is no God," sums up his thoughts.

R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

His mouth is full of cursing, guile and deceit;
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
He lurks in ambush near the villages;
in hiding he murders the innocent;
his eyes spy upon the unfortunate.

R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

You do see, for you behold misery and sorrow,
taking them in your hands.

On you the unfortunate man depends;
of the fatherless you are the helper.

R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

[Mt 12:14-21](#)

Gospel

The Pharisees went out and took counsel against
Jesus

to put him to death.

When Jesus realized this, he withdrew from that
place.

Many people followed him, and he cured them all,
but he warned them not to make him known.

This was to fulfill what had been spoken through
Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved in whom I delight;*

I shall place my Spirit upon him,

and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

He will not contend or cry out,

nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break,

a smoldering wick he will not quench,

until he brings justice to victory.

And in his name the Gentiles will hope.
