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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Gn 18:1-10a](#)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre,
as he sat in the entrance of his tent,
while the day was growing hot.
Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby.
When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them;
and bowing to the ground, he said:
"Sir, if I may ask you this favor,
please do not go on past your servant.
Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet,
and then rest yourselves under the tree.
Now that you have come this close to your servant,
let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves;
and afterward you may go on your way."
The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."
Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah,
"Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls."
He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer,
and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it.
Then Abraham got some curds and milk,
as well as the steer that had been prepared,
and set these before the three men;
and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.
They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
He replied, "There in the tent."
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son."
[Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5](#)
Responsorial Psalm
R. (1a) **He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**
One who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.
R. **He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**
Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.
R. **He who does justice will live in the**

presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
One who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

[Col 1:24-28](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh I am filling up
what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ
on behalf of his body, which is the church,
of which I am a minister
in accordance with God's stewardship given to me
to bring to completion for you the word of God,
the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.
But now it has been manifested to his holy ones,
to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the Gentiles;
it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
It is he whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.
[Lk 10:38-42](#)
Gospel
Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
"Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me."
The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her."

MONDAY

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Reading 1

[Mi 6:1-4, 6-8](#)

Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, present your plea before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice!

Hear, O mountains, the plea of the LORD,
pay attention, O foundations of the earth!

For the LORD has a plea against his people,
and he enters into trial with Israel.

O my people, what have I done to you,
or how have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
from the place of slavery I released you;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow before God most high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with myriad streams of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my crime,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

You have been told, O man, what is good,
and what the LORD requires of you:
Only to do the right and to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with your God.

[Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23](#)

Responsorial Psalm

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

"Gather my faithful ones before me,
those who have made a covenant with me by
sacrifice."

And the heavens proclaim his justice;
for God himself is the judge.

R. **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 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 12:38-42](#)

Gospel

Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus,
"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

He said to them in reply,
"An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign,
but no sign will be given it
except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three
days and three nights,
so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth
three days and three nights.

At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with
this generation

and condemn it, because they repented at the
preaching of Jonah;

and there is something greater than Jonah here.

At the judgment the queen of the south will arise
with this generation

and condemn it, because she came from the ends of
the earth

to hear the wisdom of Solomon;

and there is something greater than Solomon here."

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Mi 7:14-15, 18-20](#)

Shepherd your people with your staff,
the flock of your inheritance,
That dwells apart in a woodland,
in the midst of Carmel.

Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,
as in the days of old;

As in the days when you came from the land of
Egypt,

show us wonderful signs.

Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt
and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance;

Who does not persist in anger forever,
but delights rather in clemency,

And will again have compassion on us,
treading underfoot our guilt?

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You will cast into the depths of the sea
all our sins;

You will show faithfulness to Jacob,
and grace to Abraham,
As you have sworn to our fathers
from days of old.

[Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (8a) **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

You have favored, O LORD, your land;
you have brought back the captives of Jacob.
You have forgiven the guilt of your people;
you have covered all their sins.
You have withdrawn all your wrath;
you have revoked your burning anger.

R. **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

Restore us, O God our savior,
and abandon your displeasure against us.
Will you be ever angry with us,
prolonging your anger to all generations?

R. **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

Will you not instead give us life;
and shall not your people rejoice in you?
Show us, O LORD, your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

R. **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

[Mt 12:46-50](#)

Gospel

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds,
his mother and his brothers appeared outside,
wishing to speak with him.
Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers
are standing outside,
asking to speak with you."
But he said in reply to the one who told him,
"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"
And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he
said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father
is my brother, and sister, and mother."

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 1:1, 4-10](#)

The words of Jeremiah, son of Hilkiah,
of a priestly family in Anathoth, in the land of
Benjamin.

The word of the LORD came to me thus:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

"Ah, Lord GOD!" I said,

AI know not how to speak; I am too young."

But the LORD answered me,

Say not, "I am too young."

To whomever I send you, you shall go;

whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Have no fear before them,

because I am with you to deliver you, says the
LORD.

Then the LORD extended his hand and touched my
mouth, saying,

See, I place my words in your mouth!

This day I set you

over nations and over kingdoms,

To root up and to tear down,

to destroy and to demolish,

to build and to plant.

[Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 15ab) **I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, and deliver me;

incline your ear to me, and save me.

R. **I will sing of your salvation.**

Be my rock of refuge,

a stronghold to give me safety,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. **I will sing of your salvation.**

For you are my hope, O Lord;

my trust, O God, from my youth.

On you I depend from birth;

from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R. **I will sing of your salvation.**

My mouth shall declare your justice,

day by day your salvation.

O God, you have taught me from my youth,

and till the present I proclaim your wondrous

deeds.

R. **I will sing of your salvation.**

[Mt 13:1-9](#)

Gospel

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat
down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around him

that he got into a boat and sat down,

and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

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"A sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path,
and birds came and ate it up.
Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.
It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,
and when the sun rose it was scorched,
and it withered for lack of roots.
Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew
up and choked it.
But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought to hear."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13](#)

This word of the LORD came to me:
Go, cry out this message for Jerusalem to hear!
I remember the devotion of your youth,
how you loved me as a bride,
Following me in the desert,
in a land unsown.
Sacred to the LORD was Israel,
the first fruits of his harvest;
Should any presume to partake of them,
evil would befall them, says the LORD.
When I brought you into the garden land
to eat its goodly fruits,
You entered and defiled my land,
you made my heritage loathsome.
The priests asked not,
"Where is the LORD?"
Those who dealt with the law knew me not:
the shepherds rebelled against me.
The prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after useless idols.
Be amazed at this, O heavens,
and shudder with sheer horror, says the LORD.
Two evils have my people done:
they have forsaken me, the source of living waters;
They have dug themselves cisterns,
broken cisterns, that hold no water.
[Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11](#)
Responsorial Psalm
R. (10a) **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**
O LORD, your mercy reaches to heaven;
your faithfulness, to the clouds.
Your justice is like the mountains of God;

your judgments, like the mighty deep.
R. **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**
How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of
your wings.
They have their fill of the prime gifts of your house;
from your delightful stream you give them to drink.
R. **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**
For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.
Keep up your mercy toward your friends,
your just defense of the upright of heart.
R. **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**
[Jn 20:1-2, 11-18](#)

Gospel

On the first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the
morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and
told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping.
And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb
and saw two angels in white sitting there,
one at the head and one at the feet
where the Body of Jesus had been.
And they said to her, "Woman, why are you
weeping?"
She said to them, "They have taken my Lord,
and I don't know where they laid him."
When she had said this, she turned around and saw
Jesus there,
but did not know it was Jesus.
Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you looking for?"
She thought it was the gardener and said to him,
"Sir, if you carried him away,
tell me where you laid him,
and I will take him."
Jesus said to her, "Mary!"
She turned and said to him in Hebrew,
"Rabbouni," which means Teacher.
Jesus said to her,
"Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended
to the Father.
But go to my brothers and tell them,
'I am going to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.'"

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Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord,"
and then reported what he told her.

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 3:14-17](#)

Return, rebellious children, says the LORD,
for I am your Master;
I will take you, one from a city, two from a clan,
and bring you to Zion.
I will appoint over you shepherds after my own
heart,
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently.
When you multiply and become fruitful in the land,
says the LORD,
They will in those days no longer say,
"The ark of the covenant of the LORD!"
They will no longer think of it, or remember it,
or miss it, or make another.
At that time they will call Jerusalem the LORD's
throne;
there all nations will be gathered together
to honor the name of the LORD at Jerusalem,
and they will walk no longer in their hardhearted
wickedness.

[Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 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:

The grain, the wine, and the oil,
the sheep and the oxen.

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 13:18-23](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Hear the parable of the sower.

The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the
word of the Kingdom

without understanding it,

and the Evil One comes and steals away
what was sown in his heart.

The seed sown on rocky ground

is the one who hears the word and receives it at
once with joy.

But he has no root and lasts only for a time.

When some tribulation or persecution comes
because of the word,

he immediately falls away.

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears
the word,

but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches
choke the word

and it bears no fruit.

But the seed sown on rich soil

is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty
or thirtyfold."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Jer 7:1-11](#)

The following message came to Jeremiah from the
LORD:

Stand at the gate of the house of the LORD,
and there proclaim this message:

Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah
who enter these gates to worship the LORD!

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

Reform your ways and your deeds,
so that I may remain with you in this place.

Put not your trust in the deceitful words:

"This is the temple of the LORD!

The temple of the LORD! The temple of the LORD!"

Only if you thoroughly reform your ways and your
deeds;

if each of you deals justly with his neighbor;

if you no longer oppress the resident alien,

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the orphan, and the widow;
if you no longer shed innocent blood in this place,
or follow strange gods to your own harm,
will I remain with you in this place,
in the land I gave your fathers long ago and forever.
But here you are, putting your trust in deceitful
words to your own loss!
Are you to steal and murder, commit adultery and
perjury,
burn incense to Baal,
go after strange gods that you know not,
and yet come to stand before me
in this house which bears my name, and say:
"We are safe; we can commit all these abominations
again"?

Has this house which bears my name
become in your eyes a den of thieves?
I too see what is being done, says the LORD.

[Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (2) How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**

My soul yearns and pines
for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh
cry out for the living God.

**R. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord,
mighty God!**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest
in which she puts her young —
Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my king and my God!

**R. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord,
mighty God!**

Blessed they who dwell in your house!
continually they praise you.
Blessed the men whose strength you are!
They go from strength to strength.

**R. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord,
mighty God!**

I had rather one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my
God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**R. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord,
mighty God!**

[Mt 13:24-30](#)

Gospel

Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds.
"The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man

who sowed good seed in his field.
While everyone was asleep his enemy came
and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then
went off.
When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds
appeared as well.
The slaves of the householder came to him and
said,
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where have the weeds come from?'
He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'
His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and
pull them up?'
He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the wheat along with them.
Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn."'"