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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Zec 12:10-11; 13:1](#)

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out on the house of David
and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem
a spirit of grace and petition;
and they shall look on him whom they have pierced,
and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an
only son,
and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a
firstborn.

On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as
great
as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of
Megiddo.

On that day there shall be open to the house of
David
and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness.

[Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (2b) **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be
satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God.**

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God.**

[Gal 3:26-29](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

Through faith you are all children of God in Christ
Jesus.

For all of you who were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free person,
there is not male and female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ,
then you are Abraham's descendant,
heirs according to the promise.

[Lk 9:18-24](#)

Gospel

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,
and the disciples were with him,
he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
They said in reply, "John the Baptist;
others, Elijah;
still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has
arisen.'"

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

Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God."

He rebuked them

and directed them not to tell this to anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and
the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Then he said to all,

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny
himself

and take up his cross daily and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

MONDAY

Reading 1

[2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18](#)

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Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, occupied the whole land
and attacked Samaria, which he besieged for three years.

In the ninth year of Hoshea, king of Israel
the king of Assyria took Samaria,
and deported the children of Israel to Assyria,
setting them in Halah, at the Habor, a river of
Gozan,
and the cities of the Medes.

This came about because the children of Israel
sinned against the LORD,
their God, who had brought them up from the land
of Egypt,
from under the domination of Pharaoh, king of
Egypt,
and because they venerated other gods.
They followed the rites of the nations
whom the Lord had cleared out of the way of the
children of Israel
and the kings of Israel whom they set up.

And though the LORD warned Israel and Judah
by every prophet and seer,
“Give up your evil ways and keep my
commandments and statutes,
in accordance with the entire law which I enjoined
on your fathers
and which I sent you by my servants the prophets,”
they did not listen, but were as stiff-necked as their
fathers,
who had not believed in the LORD, their God.
They rejected his statutes,
the covenant which he had made with their fathers,
and the warnings which he had given them, till,
in his great anger against Israel,
the LORD put them away out of his sight.
Only the tribe of Judah was left.

[Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (7b) **Help us with your right hand, O Lord,
and answer us.**

O God, you have rejected us and broken our
defenses;
you have been angry; rally us!

R. **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and
answer us.**

You have rocked the country and split it open;
repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering.
You have made your people feel hardships;
you have given us stupefying wine.

R. **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and
answer us.**

Have not you, O God, rejected us,
so that you go not forth, O God, with our armies?
Give us aid against the foe,
for worthless is the help of men.

R. **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.**

[Mt 7:1-5](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Stop judging, that you may not be judged.

For as you judge, so will you be judged,
and the measure with which you measure will be
measured out to you.

Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s
eye,

but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own
eye?

How can you say to your brother,

‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’
while the wooden beam is in your eye?

You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your
eye first;

then you will see clearly

to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.”

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36](#)

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent envoys to
Hezekiah

with this message:

“Thus shall you say to Hezekiah, king of Judah:

‘Do not let your God on whom you rely deceive you
by saying that Jerusalem will not be handed over
to the king of Assyria.

You have heard what the kings of Assyria have
done

to all other countries: they doomed them!

Will you, then, be saved?’”

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Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it;
then he went up to the temple of the LORD,
and spreading it out before him,
he prayed in the LORD's presence:
"O LORD, God of Israel, enthroned upon the cherubim!
You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth.
You have made the heavens and the earth.
Incline your ear, O LORD, and listen!
Open your eyes, O LORD, and see!
Hear the words of Sennacherib which he sent to taunt the living God.
Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations
and their lands, and cast their gods into the fire;
they destroyed them because they were not gods,
but the work of human hands, wood and stone.
Therefore, O LORD, our God, save us from the power of this man,
that all the kingdoms of the earth may know
that you alone, O LORD, are God."

Then Isaiah, son of Amoz, sent this message to Hezekiah:
"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
in answer to your prayer for help against Sennacherib, king of Assyria:
I have listened!
This is the word the LORD has spoken concerning him:

"She despises you, laughs you to scorn,
the virgin daughter Zion!
Behind you she wags her head,
daughter Jerusalem.

"For out of Jerusalem shall come a remnant,
and from Mount Zion, survivors.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.'

"Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria:
'He shall not reach this city, nor shoot an arrow at it,
nor come before it with a shield,
nor cast up siege-works against it.

He shall return by the same way he came,
without entering the city, says the LORD.
I will shield and save this city for my own sake,
and for the sake of my servant David.'"

That night the angel of the LORD went forth and struck down
one hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp.
So Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, broke camp,
and went back home to Nineveh.

[Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (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.**

O God, we ponder your mercy
within your temple.

As your name, O God, so also your praise
reaches to the ends of the earth.

Of justice your right hand is full.

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

[Mt 7:6, 12-14](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine,
lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces.

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.

This is the Law and the Prophets.

"Enter through the narrow gate;
for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction,
and those who enter through it are many.

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How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life.

And those who find it are few.”

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3](#)

The high priest Hilkiyah informed the scribe Shaphan,

“I have found the book of the law in the temple of the LORD.”

Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, who read it.

Then the scribe Shaphan went to the king and reported,

“Your servants have smelted down the metals available in the temple

and have consigned them to the master workmen in the temple of the LORD.”

The scribe Shaphan also informed the king that the priest Hilkiyah had given him a book, and then read it aloud to the king.

When the king heard the contents of the book of the law,

he tore his garments and issued this command to Hilkiyah the priest,

Ahikam, son of Shaphan,

Achbor, son of Micaiah, the scribe Shaphan,

and the king’s servant Asaiah:

“Go, consult the LORD for me, for the people, for all Judah,

about the stipulations of this book that has been found,

for the anger of the LORD has been set furiously ablaze against us,

because our fathers did not obey the stipulations of this book,

nor fulfill our written obligations.”

The king then had all the elders of Judah

and of Jerusalem summoned together before him.

The king went up to the temple of the LORD with all the men of Judah

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

priests, prophets, and all the people, small and great.

He had the entire contents of the book of the covenant

that had been found in the temple of the LORD, read out to them.

Standing by the column, the king made a covenant before the LORD

that they would follow him

and observe his ordinances, statutes and decrees with their whole hearts and souls,

thus reviving the terms of the covenant which were written in this book.

And all the people stood as participants in the covenant.

[Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (33a) **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them.

R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

Lead me in the path of your commands, for in it I delight.

R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to gain.

R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

Turn away my eyes from seeing what is vain: by your way give me life.

R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

Behold, I long for your precepts; in your justice give me life.

R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

[Mt 7:15-20](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing,

but underneath are ravenous wolves.

By their fruits you will know them.

Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Just so, every good tree bears good fruit,

and a rotten tree bears bad fruit.

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,

nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down

and thrown into the fire.

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So by their fruits you will know them.”

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Is 49:1-6](#)

Hear me, O coastlands,
listen, O distant peoples.
The LORD called me from birth,
from my mother’s womb he gave me my name.
He made of me a sharp-edged sword
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.
He made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me.
You are my servant, he said to me,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Though I thought I had toiled in vain,
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,
yet my reward is with the LORD,
my recompense is with my God.
For now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
that Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,
and my God is now my strength!
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

[Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (14) **I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.**

O LORD, you have probed me, you know me:
you know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,
with all my ways you are familiar.

R. **I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

Truly you have formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother’s womb.
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully
made;
wonderful are your works.

R. **I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

My soul also you knew full well;
nor was my frame unknown to you
When I was made in secret,
when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth.
R. **I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

[Acts 13:22-26](#)

Reading 2

In those days, Paul said:
“God raised up David as king;
of him God testified,
*I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my
own heart;
he will carry out my every wish.*
From this man’s descendants God, according to his
promise,
has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus.
John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism
of repentance
to all the people of Israel;
and as John was completing his course, he would
say,
‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he.
Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’

“My brothers, sons of the family of Abraham,
and those others among you who are God-fearing,
to us this word of salvation has been sent.”

[Lk 1:57-66, 80](#)

Gospel

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her
child
she gave birth to a son.
Her neighbors and relatives heard
that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her,
and they rejoiced with her.
When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the
child,
they were going to call him Zechariah after his
father,
but his mother said in reply,
“No. He will be called John.”
But they answered her,
“There is no one among your relatives who has this
name.”

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So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called.
He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed.
Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed,
and he spoke blessing God.
Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea.
All who heard these things took them to heart, saying,
"What, then, will this child be?"
For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.
The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[2 Kgs 25:1-12](#)

In the tenth month of the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign,
on the tenth day of the month,
Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and his whole army
advanced against Jerusalem, encamped around it, and built siege walls on every side.
The siege of the city continued until the eleventh year of Zedekiah.
On the ninth day of the fourth month, when famine had gripped the city, and the people had no more bread, the city walls were breached.
Then the king and all the soldiers left the city by night
through the gate between the two walls that was near the king's garden.
Since the Chaldeans had the city surrounded, they went in the direction of the Arabah.
But the Chaldean army pursued the king and overtook him in the desert near Jericho, abandoned by his whole army.

The king was therefore arrested and brought to Riblah

to the king of Babylon, who pronounced sentence on him.
He had Zedekiah's sons slain before his eyes.
Then he blinded Zedekiah, bound him with fetters, and had him brought to Babylon.

On the seventh day of the fifth month (this was in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon),
Nebuzaradan, captain of the bodyguard, came to Jerusalem as the representative of the king of Babylon.
He burned the house of the LORD, the palace of the king, and all the houses of Jerusalem;
every large building was destroyed by fire.
Then the Chaldean troops who were with the captain of the guard
tore down the walls that surrounded Jerusalem.

Then Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, led into exile the last of the people remaining in the city,
and those who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the last of the artisans.
But some of the country's poor, Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,
left behind as vinedressers and farmers.

[Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (6ab) **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

R. **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

Though there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

How could we sing a song of the LORD
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,

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may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
If I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

[Mt 8:1-4](#)

Gospel

When Jesus came down from the mountain, great
crowds followed him.
And then a leper approached, did him homage, and
said,
“Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.”
He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,
“I will do it. Be made clean.”
His leprosy was cleansed immediately.
Then Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one,
but go show yourself to the priest,
and offer the gift that Moses prescribed;
that will be proof for them.”

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19](#)

The Lord has consumed without pity
all the dwellings of Jacob;
He has torn down in his anger
the fortresses of daughter Judah;
He has brought to the ground in dishonor
her king and her princes.

On the ground in silence sit
the old men of daughter Zion;
They strew dust on their heads
and gird themselves with sackcloth;
The maidens of Jerusalem
bow their heads to the ground.

Worn out from weeping are my eyes,
within me all is in ferment;
My gall is poured out on the ground
because of the downfall of the daughter of my
people,
As child and infant faint away

in the open spaces of the town.

In vain they ask their mothers,
“Where is the grain?”
As they faint away like the wounded
in the streets of the city,
And breathe their last
in their mothers’ arms.

To what can I liken or compare you,
O daughter Jerusalem?
What example can I show you for your comfort,
virgin daughter Zion?
For great as the sea is your downfall;
who can heal you?

Your prophets had for you
false and specious visions;
They did not lay bare your guilt,
to avert your fate;
They beheld for you in vision
false and misleading portents.

Cry out to the Lord;
moan, O daughter Zion!
Let your tears flow like a torrent
day and night;
Let there be no respite for you,
no repose for your eyes.

Rise up, shrill in the night,
at the beginning of every watch;
Pour out your heart like water
in the presence of the Lord;
Lift up your hands to him
for the lives of your little ones
Who faint from hunger
at the corner of every street.

[Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (19b) Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.

Why, O God, have you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of
your pasture?
Remember your flock which you built up of old,
the tribe you redeemed as your inheritance,
Mount Zion, where you took up your abode.

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R. Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.

Turn your steps toward the utter ruins;
toward all the damage the enemy has done in the
sanctuary.

Your foes roar triumphantly in your shrine;
they have set up their tokens of victory.
They are like men coming up with axes to a clump
of trees.

R. Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.

With chisel and hammer they hack at all the
paneling of the sanctuary.
They set your sanctuary on fire;
the place where your name abides they have razed
and profaned.

R. Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.

Look to your covenant,
for the hiding places in the land and the plains are
full of violence.

May the humble not retire in confusion;
may the afflicted and the poor praise your name.

R. Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.

[Mt 8:5-17](#)

Gospel

When Jesus entered Capernaum,
a centurion approached him and appealed to him,
saying,
“Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed,
suffering dreadfully.”
He said to him, “I will come and cure him.”
The centurion said in reply,
“Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my
roof;
only say the word and my servant will be healed.
For I too am a man subject to authority,
with soldiers subject to me.
And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes;
and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes;
and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to
those following him,
“Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I
found such faith.
I say to you, many will come from the east and the
west,
and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven,
but the children of the Kingdom

will be driven out into the outer darkness,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”
And Jesus said to the centurion,
“You may go; as you have believed, let it be done
for you.”
And at that very hour his servant was healed.

Jesus entered the house of Peter,
and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.
He touched her hand, the fever left her,
and she rose and waited on him.

When it was evening, they brought him many
who were possessed by demons,
and he drove out the spirits by a word and cured all
the sick,
to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet:

He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.
