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**SUNDAY**

Reading 1

[1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21](#)

The LORD said to Elijah:

“You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you.”

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you.” Elijah answered, “Go back! Have I done anything to you?” Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

[Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (cf. 5a) **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.”

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

[Gal 5:1, 13-18](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:  
For freedom Christ set us free;  
so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters.  
But do not use this freedom  
as an opportunity for the flesh;  
rather, serve one another through love.  
For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement,  
namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*  
But if you go on biting and devouring one another,  
beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit  
and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.  
For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,  
and the Spirit against the flesh;  
these are opposed to each other,  
so that you may not do what you want.  
But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

[Lk 9:51-62](#)

Gospel

When the days for Jesus’ being taken up were fulfilled,  
he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem,  
and he sent messengers ahead of him.  
On the way they entered a Samaritan village  
to prepare for his reception there,  
but they would not welcome him  
because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.  
When the disciples James and John saw this they asked,  
“Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven  
to consume them?”  
Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another  
village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to  
him,  
“I will follow you wherever you go.”  
Jesus answered him,  
“Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests,  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”

And to another he said, “Follow me.”  
But he replied, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.”  
But he answered him, “Let the dead bury their dead.  
But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”  
And another said, “I will follow you, Lord,  
but first let me say farewell to my family at home.”  
To him Jesus said, “No one who sets a hand to the plow  
and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of  
God.”

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**MONDAY**

Reading 1

[Am 2:6-10, 13-16](#)

Thus says the LORD:  
For three crimes of Israel, and for four,  
I will not revoke my word;  
Because they sell the just man for silver,  
and the poor man for a pair of sandals.  
They trample the heads of the weak  
into the dust of the earth,  
and force the lowly out of the way.  
Son and father go to the same prostitute,  
profaning my holy name.  
Upon garments taken in pledge  
they recline beside any altar;  
And the wine of those who have been fined

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they drink in the house of their god.

Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorites before them,  
who were as tall as the cedars,  
and as strong as the oak trees.  
I destroyed their fruit above,  
and their roots beneath.  
It was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and who led you through the desert for forty years,  
to occupy the land of the Amorites.

Beware, I will crush you into the ground  
as a wagon crushes when laden with sheaves.  
Flight shall perish from the swift,  
and the strong man shall not retain his strength;  
The warrior shall not save his life,  
nor the Bowman stand his ground;  
The swift of foot shall not escape,  
nor the horseman save his life.  
And the most stouthearted of warriors  
shall flee naked on that day, says the LORD.

[Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (22a) **Remember this, you who never think 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. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**

“When you see a thief, you keep pace with him,  
and with adulterers you throw in your lot.  
To your mouth you give free rein for evil,  
you harness your tongue to deceit.”

R. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**

“You sit speaking against your brother;  
against your mother’s son you spread rumors.  
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.”

R. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**

“Consider this, you who forget God,  
lest I rend you and there be no one to rescue you.  
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. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**

[Mt 8:18-22](#)

Gospel

When Jesus saw a crowd around him,  
he gave orders to cross to the other shore.  
A scribe approached and said to him,  
“Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”  
Jesus answered him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky  
have nests,  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”  
Another of his disciples said to him,

“Lord, let me go first and bury my father.”

But Jesus answered him, “Follow me,  
and let the dead bury their dead.”

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**TUESDAY**

Reading 1

[Acts 12:1-11](#)

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of  
the Church to harm them.

He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword,  
and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews  
he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

—It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.—

He had him taken into custody and put in prison  
under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.

He intended to bring him before the people after Passover.  
Peter thus was being kept in prison,  
but prayer by the Church was fervently being made  
to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial,  
Peter, secured by double chains,  
was sleeping between two soldiers,  
while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison.  
Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him  
and a light shone in the cell.

He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying,  
“Get up quickly.”

The chains fell from his wrists.

The angel said to him, “Put on your belt and your sandals.”

He did so.

Then he said to him, “Put on your cloak and follow me.”

So he followed him out,

not realizing that what was happening through the angel was  
real;

he thought he was seeing a vision.

They passed the first guard, then the second,  
and came to the iron gate leading out to the city,  
which opened for them by itself.

They emerged and made their way down an alley,  
and suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter recovered his senses and said,

“Now I know for certain

that the Lord sent his angel

and rescued me from the hand of Herod

and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting.”

[Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (5) **The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear  
him.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. **The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

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Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

[2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18](#)

Reading 2

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Mt 16:13-19](#)

Gospel

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi  
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.”

**WEDNESDAY**

Reading 1

[Am 5:14-15, 21-24](#)

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;

Then truly will the LORD, the God of hosts,  
be with you as you claim!

Hate evil and love good,

and let justice prevail at the gate;

Then it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will have pity on the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I spurn your feasts, says the LORD,

I take no pleasure in your solemnities;

Your cereal offerings I will not accept,  
nor consider your stall-fed peace offerings.

Away with your noisy songs!

I will not listen to the melodies of your harps.

But if you would offer me burnt offerings,

then let justice surge like water,

and goodness like an unfailing stream.

[Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17](#)

Responsorial Psalm

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

“Hear, my people, and I will speak;

Israel, I will testify against you;

God, your God, am I.”

**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.**

“For mine are all the animals of the forests,

beasts by the thousand on my mountains.

I know all the birds of the air,

and whatever stirs in the plains, belongs to me.”

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

“If I were hungry, I should not tell you,

for mine are the world and its fullness.

Do I eat the flesh of strong bulls,

or is the blood of goats my drink?”

**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.**

[Mt 8:28-34](#)

Gospel

When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes,

two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him.

They were so savage that no one could travel by that road.

They cried out, “What have you to do with us, Son of God?”

Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”

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Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding.  
The demons pleaded with him,  
"If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine."  
And he said to them, "Go then!"  
They came out and entered the swine,  
and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea  
where they drowned.  
The swineherds ran away,  
and when they came to the town they reported everything,  
including what had happened to the demoniacs.  
Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus,  
and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

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### THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Am 7:10-17](#)

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam,  
king of Israel:

"Amos has conspired against you here within Israel;  
the country cannot endure all his words.  
For this is what Amos says:  
Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel shall surely be exiled from its land."

To Amos, Amaziah said:

"Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah!  
There earn your bread by prophesying,  
but never again prophesy in Bethel;  
for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple."  
Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet,  
nor have I belonged to a company of prophets;  
I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores.  
The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to  
me,  
'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'  
Now hear the word of the LORD!"

You say: prophesy not against Israel,  
preach not against the house of Isaac.  
Now thus says the LORD:  
Your wife shall be made a harlot in the city,  
and your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword;  
Your land shall be divided by measuring line,  
and you yourself shall die in an unclean land;  
Israel shall be exiled far from its land.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. (10cd) **The judgments of the Lord are true, and  
all of them are just.**

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

R. **The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of  
them are just.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

The command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.

R. **The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of  
them are just.**

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

R. **The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of  
them are just.**

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

R. **The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of  
them are just.**

[Mt 9:1-8](#)

Gospel

After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came  
into his own town.

And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a  
stretcher.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,  
"Courage, child, your sins are forgiven."

At that, some of the scribes said to themselves,  
"This man is blaspheming."

Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said,  
"Why do you harbor evil thoughts?"

Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,'  
or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

But that you may know that the Son of Man  
has authority on earth to forgive sins"—

he then said to the paralytic,

"Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."

He rose and went home.

When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe  
and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

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### FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Am 8:4-6, 9-12](#)

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy  
and destroy the poor of the land!

"When will the new moon be over," you ask,  
"that we may sell our grain,

and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?  
We will diminish the containers for measuring,

add to the weights,  
and fix our scales for cheating!

We will buy the lowly man for silver,  
and the poor man for a pair of sandals;  
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"

On that day, says the Lord GOD,  
I will make the sun set at midday  
and cover the earth with darkness in broad daylight.  
I will turn your feasts into mourning

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and all your songs into lamentations.  
I will cover the loins of all with sackcloth  
and make every head bald.  
I will make them mourn as for an only son,  
and bring their day to a bitter end.  
Yes, days are coming, says the Lord GOD,  
when I will send famine upon the land:  
Not a famine of bread, or thirst for water,  
but for hearing the word of the LORD.  
Then shall they wander from sea to sea  
and rove from the north to the east  
In search of the word of the LORD,  
but they shall not find it.

[Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (Matthew 4:4) **One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.**

Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.

R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

With all my heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commands.

R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

My soul is consumed with longing  
for your ordinances at all times.

R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

The way of truth I have chosen;  
I have set your ordinances before me.

R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

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

R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

I gasp with open mouth  
in my yearning for your commands.

R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

[Mt 9:9-13](#)

Gospel

As Jesus passed by,  
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs  
post.

He said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him.

While he was at table in his house,  
many tax collectors and sinners came  
and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples,  
"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and  
sinners?"

He heard this and said,

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick  
do.

Go and learn the meaning of the words,

*I desire mercy, not sacrifice.*

I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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**SATURDAY**

Reading 1

[Eph 2:19-22](#)

Brothers and sisters:

You are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones  
and members of the household of God,  
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.

Through him the whole structure is held together  
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;  
in him you also are being built together  
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

[Ps 117:1bc, 2](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (Mark 16:15) **Go out to all the world and tell the  
Good News.**

Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!

R. **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

For steadfast is his kindness for us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

R. **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

[Jn 20:24-29](#)

Gospel

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the  
Lord."

But Thomas said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands  
and put my finger into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside  
and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see  
my hands,

and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my  
God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because  
you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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