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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Am 6:1a, 4-7](#)

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:
Woe to the complacent in Zion!
Lying upon beds of ivory,
stretched comfortably on their couches,
they eat lambs taken from the flock,
and calves from the stall!
Improvising to the music of the harp,
like David, they devise their own accompaniment.
They drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the best oils;
yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!
Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into
exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

[Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1b)**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Blessed he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

R. **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind.
The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;
the LORD loves the just.
The LORD protects strangers.

R. **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[1 Tm 6:11-16](#)

Reading 2

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.
Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called
when you made the noble confession in the
presence of many witnesses.
I charge you before God, who gives life to all things,
and before Christ Jesus,
who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the
noble confession,

to keep the commandment without stain or
reproach
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ
that the blessed and only ruler
will make manifest at the proper time,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone has immortality, who dwells in
unapproachable light,
and whom no human being has seen or can see.
To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

[Lk 16:19-31](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to the Pharisees:
"There was a rich man who dressed in purple
garments and fine linen
and dined sumptuously each day.
And lying at his door was a poor man named
Lazarus, covered with sores,
who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps
that fell from the rich man's table.

Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died,
he was carried away by angels to the bosom of
Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried,
and from the netherworld, where he was in
torment,

he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off
and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on
me.

Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water
and cool my tongue,
for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied,

'My child, remember that you received
what was good during your lifetime
while Lazarus likewise received what was bad;
but now he is comforted here, whereas you are
tormented.

Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is
established

to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to
go

from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

He said, 'Then I beg you, father,
send him to my father's house, for I have five
brothers,

so that he may warn them,
lest they too come to this place of torment.'

But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the
prophets.

Let them listen to them.'

He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham,
but if someone from the dead goes to them, they

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will repent.'

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

MONDAY

Reading 1

[Jb 1:6-22](#)

One day, when the angels of God came to present themselves before the LORD, Satan also came among them.

And the LORD said to Satan, "Whence do you come?"

Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming the earth and patrolling it."

And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job,

and that there is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil?"

But Satan answered the LORD and said, "Is it for nothing that Job is God-fearing?

Have you not surrounded him and his family and all that he has with your protection?

You have blessed the work of his hands, and his livestock are spread over the land.

But now put forth your hand and touch anything that he has,

and surely he will blaspheme you to your face."

And the LORD said to Satan,

"Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand upon his person."

So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And so one day, while his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine

in the house of their eldest brother,

a messenger came to Job and said,

"The oxen were ploughing and the asses grazing beside them,

and the Sabeans carried them off in a raid.

They put the herdsmen to the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

While he was yet speaking, another came and said, "Lightning has fallen from heaven

and struck the sheep and their shepherds and consumed them;

and I alone have escaped to tell you."

While he was yet speaking, another messenger came and said,

"The Chaldeans formed three columns, seized the camels, carried them off,

and put those tending them to the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

While he was yet speaking, another came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine

in the house of their eldest brother,

when suddenly a great wind came across the desert and smote the four corners of the house.

It fell upon the young people and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

Then Job began to tear his cloak and cut off his hair.

He cast himself prostrate upon the ground, and said,

"Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I go back again.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!"

In all this Job did not sin,

nor did he say anything disrespectful of God.

[Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (6) Incline your ear to me and hear my word.

Hear, O LORD, a just suit;

attend to my outcry;

hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.

R. Incline your ear to me and hear my word.

From you let my judgment come;

your eyes behold what is right.

Though you test my heart, searching it in the night,

though you try me with fire, you shall find no malice in me.

R. Incline your ear to me and hear my word.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

incline your ear to me; hear my word.

Show your wondrous mercies,

O savior of those who flee

from their foes to refuge at your right hand.

R. Incline your ear to me and hear my word.

[Lk 9:46-50](#)

Gospel

An argument arose among the disciples

about which of them was the greatest.

Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child

and placed it by his side and said to them,

"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me,

and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

For the one who is least among all of you

is the one who is the greatest."

Then John said in reply,

"Master, we saw someone casting out demons in

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your name

and we tried to prevent him

because he does not follow in our company."

Jesus said to him,

"Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you."

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23](#)

Job opened his mouth and cursed his day.

Job spoke out and said:

Perish the day on which I was born,

the night when they said, "The child is a boy!"

Why did I not perish at birth,

come forth from the womb and expire?

Or why was I not buried away like an untimely birth,

like babes that have never seen the light?

Wherefore did the knees receive me?

or why did I suck at the breasts?

For then I should have lain down and been tranquil;

had I slept, I should then have been at rest

With kings and counselors of the earth

who built where now there are ruins

Or with princes who had gold

and filled their houses with silver.

There the wicked cease from troubling,

there the weary are at rest.

Why is light given to the toilers,

and life to the bitter in spirit?

They wait for death and it comes not;

they search for it rather than for hidden treasures,

Rejoice in it exultingly,

and are glad when they reach the grave:

Those whose path is hidden from them,

and whom God has hemmed in!

[Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (3) **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

O LORD, my God, by day I cry out;

at night I clamor in your presence.

Let my prayer come before you;

incline your ear to my call for help.

R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

For my soul is surfeited with troubles

and my life draws near to the nether world.

I am numbered with those who go down into the

pit;

I am a man without strength.

R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

My couch is among the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,

Whom you remember no longer
and who are cut off from your care.

R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

You have plunged me into the bottom of the pit,
into the dark abyss.

Upon me your wrath lies heavy,

and with all your billows you overwhelm me.

R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

[Lk 9:51-56](#)

Gospel

When the days for Jesus to be 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.

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Dn 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

As I watched:

Thrones were set up

and the Ancient One took his throne.

His clothing was bright as snow,

and the hair on his head as white as wool;

His throne was flames of fire,

with wheels of burning fire.

A surging stream of fire

flowed out from where he sat;

Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him,

and myriads upon myriads attended him.

The court was convened, and the books were opened.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw

One like a son of man coming,

on the clouds of heaven;

When he reached the Ancient One

and was presented before him,

He received dominion, glory, and kingship;

nations and peoples of every language serve him.

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His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

or

[Rv 12:7-12ab](#)

War broke out in heaven;
Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.
The dragon and its angels fought back,
but they did not prevail
and there was no longer any place for them in
heaven.

The huge dragon, the ancient serpent,
who is called the Devil and Satan,
who deceived the whole world,
was thrown down to earth,
and its angels were thrown down with it.
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed.

For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,
who accuses them before our God day and night.
They conquered him by the Blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
love for life did not deter them from death.

Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,
and you who dwell in them."

[Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (1) In the sight of the angels I will sing
your praises, Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my
heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.**

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.

When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.**

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O
LORD

when they hear the words of your mouth;
And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD
"Great is the glory of the LORD

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.**

[Jn 1:47-51](#)

Gospel

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said
of him,

"Here is a true child of Israel.

There is no duplicity in him."

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig
tree."

Nathanael answered him,

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of
Israel."

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than this."

And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you,

you will see heaven opened

and the angels of God ascending and descending on
the Son of Man."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Jb 19:21-27](#)

Job said:

Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has struck me!

Why do you hound me as though you were divine,
and insatiably prey upon me?

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

[Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (13) I believe that I shall see the good
things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;

have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of
the Lord in the land of the living.**

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.

Hide not your face from me;

do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off.

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of

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the Lord in the land of the living.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of
the Lord in the land of the living.**

[Lk 10:1-12](#)

Gospel

Jesus appointed seventy-two other disciples
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs
to every town and place he intended to visit.
He said to them,
"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest.
Go on your way;
behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.
Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;
and greet no one along the way.
Into whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this household.'
If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him;
but if not, it will return to you.
Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is
offered to you,
for the laborer deserves his payment.
Do not move about from one house to another.
Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you,
cure the sick in it and say to them,
'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'
Whatever town you enter and they do not receive
you,
go out into the streets and say,
'The dust of your town that clings to our feet,
even that we shake off against you.'
Yet know this: the Kingdom of God is at hand.
I tell you,
it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day
than for that town."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5](#)

The LORD addressed Job out of the storm and said:
Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the
morning
and shown the dawn its place
For taking hold of the ends of the earth,
till the wicked are shaken from its surface?

The earth is changed as is clay by the seal,
and dyed as though it were a garment;
But from the wicked the light is withheld,
and the arm of pride is shattered.
Have you entered into the sources of the sea,
or walked about in the depths of the abyss?
Have the gates of death been shown to you,
or have you seen the gates of darkness?
Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?
Tell me, if you know all:

Which is the way to the dwelling place of light,
and where is the abode of darkness,
That you may take them to their boundaries
and set them on their homeward paths?
You know, because you were born before them,
and the number of your years is great!
Then Job answered the LORD and said:
Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer
you?

I put my hand over my mouth.
Though I have spoken once, I will not do so again;
though twice, I will do so no more.

[Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (24b) Guide me, Lord, along the
everlasting way.**

O LORD, you have probed me and 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. Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting
way.**

Where can I go from your spirit?
From your presence where can I flee?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I sink to the nether world, you are present there.

**R. Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting
way.**

If I take the wings of the dawn,
if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
Even there your hand shall guide me,
and your right hand hold me fast.

**R. Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting
way.**

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. Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting
way.**

[Lk 10:13-16](#)

Gospel

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SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17](#)

Job answered the LORD and said: I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. I have dealt with great things that I do not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I cannot know. I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes. Thus the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his earlier ones. For he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

And he had seven sons and three daughters, of whom he called the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. In all the land no other women were as beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; and he saw his children, his grandchildren, and even his great-grandchildren. Then Job died, old and full of years.

[Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (135) **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

Teach me wisdom and knowledge, for in your commands I trust.

R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes.

R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

I know, O LORD, that your ordinances are just, and in your faithfulness you have afflicted me.

R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

According to your ordinances they still stand firm: all things serve you.

R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

I am your servant; give me discernment that I may know your decrees.

R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**

[Mt 18:1-5, 10](#)

Gospel

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,

"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,

you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."
