

by his blood, to be received by faith. For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 71:2,1; Psalm 7:12

Be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Alleluia, alleluia. God is a righteous judge, strong and patient: and God is provoked every day. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 7:21-27

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'

Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came,

and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 6:3-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Hosea.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his going forth is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. "What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. To the righteous I will shew the salvation of God.

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

me, even so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Trinity Sunday A

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone.

And the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

And he said, "If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I beg you, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Daniel 3

R. Praise him, and magnify him for ever!

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
God of our fathers. **R.**

And blessed is thy glorious,
holy name. **R.**

Blessed art thou
in the temple of thy holy glory. **R.**

Blessed art thou,
who sittest upon cherubim
and lookest upon the deeps. **R.**

Blessed art thou
upon the throne of thy kingdom. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren, rejoice. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Daniel 3:55, 56, 52

Blessed art thou, O Lord, which beholdest the great deep, and sittest upon the Cherubim. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: and above all to be praised and glorified for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and worthy to be praised for evermore. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**John 3:16-18**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Corpus Christi A****THE FIRST READING****Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying, "You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not.

"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

"And you shall remember the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**147**

R. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem,
praise thy God, O Sion.
For he hath made fast
the bars of thy gates,
and hath blessed thy children
within thee. **R.**

He maketh peace in thy borders,
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
He sendeth forth his commandment
upon earth,
and his word runneth very swiftly. **R.**

He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation;
neither have the heathen
knowledge of his laws. **R.**

THE SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

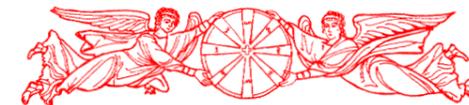
Brethren: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one

of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith?

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**The Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time A****THE FIRST READING****Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people, "You shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day, to go after

other gods which you have not known. You shall be careful to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you this day."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**31**

R. Lord, be my rock of safety.

Bow down thine ear to me.
make haste to deliver me.
And be thou my strong rock,
and house of defence
that thou mayest save me. **R.**

For thou art my strong rock,
and my castle,
be thou also my guide,
and lead me for thy Name's sake. **R.**

My time is in thy hand;
deliver me from the hand
of mine enemies,
and from them that persecute me. **R.**

Be strong,
and he shall establish your heart,
all ye that put your trust in the Lord. **R.**

THE SECOND READING**Romans 3:21-25, 28**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Brethren: Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

My soul truly waiteth still upon God,
for of him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength
and my salvation:

he is my defence,
so that I shall not greatly fall. **R.**

My soul, wait thou still upon God,
for my hope is in him.

He truly is my strength
and my salvation:

he is my defence,
so that I shall not fall. **R.**

In God is my health, and my glory;
the rock of my might,
and in God is my trust.

O put your trust in him always, ye people;
pour out your hearts before him,
for God is our hope. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and

will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 120:1-2; 7:1

When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord: and he heard me. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips: and from a deceitful tongue. Alleluia. Alleluia. O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust: save me from them that persecute me, and deliver me. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:24-34

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on.

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

"And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like

bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 145:15,16, John 6:56-57

& Sequence

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. My Flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed: he that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. [Alleluia.]

Laud, O Sion, thy Salvation,
laud with hymns of exultation
Christ, thy King and Shepherd true:

Spend thyself, his honour raising,
who surpasseth all thy praising;
never canst thou reach his due.

Sing today, the mystery shewing
of the living, life-bestowing
Bread from heaven before thee set;

E'en the same of old provided,
where the Twelve, divinely guided,
at the holy Table met.

Full and clear ring out thy chanting,
joy nor sweetest grace be wanting
to thy heart and soul today;

When we gather up the measure
of that Supper and its treasure,
keeping feast in glad array.

Lo, the new King's Table gracing,
this new Passover of blessing
hath fulfilled the elder rite:

Now the new the old effaceth,
truth revealed the shadow chaseth,
day is breaking on the night.

What he did at Supper seated,

Christ ordained to be repeated,
his memorial ne'er to cease:

And, his word for guidance taking,
bread and wine we hallow, making
thus our Sacrifice of peace.

This the truth to Christians given -
bread becomes his Flesh from heaven,
wine becomes his holy Blood.

Doth it pass thy comprehending?
Yet by faith, thy sight transcending,
wondrous things are understood.

Yea, beneath these signs are hidden
glorious things to sight forbidden:
look not on the outward sign.

Wine is poured and Bread is broken,
but in either sacred token
Christ is here by power divine.

Whoso of this Food partaketh,
rendeth not the Lord nor breaketh:
Christ is whole to all that taste.

Thousands are, as one, receivers;
one, as thousands of believers,
takes the Food that cannot waste.

Good and evil men are sharing
one repast, a doom preparing
varied as the heart of man;

Doom of life or death awarded,
as their days shall be recorded
which from one beginning ran.

When the Sacrament is broken,
doubt not in each severed token,
hallowed by the word once spoken,
resteth all the true content:

Nought the precious Gift divideth,
breaking but the sign betideth,
he himself the same abideth,
nothing of his fullness spent.

Lo! the Angels' Food is given
to the pilgrim who hath striven;
see the children's Bread from heaven,

which to dogs may not be cast;
Truth the ancient types fulfilling;
Isaac bound, a victim willing;
Paschal lamb, its life-blood spilling;
Manna sent in ages past.

O true Bread, good Shepherd, tend us,
Jesu of thy love befriend us,
thou refresh us, thou defend us,
thine eternal goodness send us
in the land of life to see;

Thou who all things canst
and knowest,
who on earth such Food bestowest,
grant us with thy Saints,
though lowest,
where thy heavenly Feast
thou shewest,
fellow-heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds
of the Jews. "I am the living bread
which came down from heaven; if any
one eats of this bread, he will live for
ever; and the bread which I shall give
for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among
themselves, saying, "How can this man
give us his flesh to eat?"

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly,
I say to you, unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of man and drink his blood,
you have no life in you; he who eats
my flesh and drinks my blood has eter-
nal life, and I will raise him up at the
last day. For my flesh is food indeed,
and my blood is drink indeed.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks
my blood abides in me, and I in him.
As the living Father sent me, and I live
because of the Father, so he who eats
me will live because of me. This is the
bread which came down from heaven,
not such as the fathers ate and died; he
who eats this bread will live for ever."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep si-
lent. And for Jerusalem's sake I will
not rest until her vindication goes forth
as brightness, and her salvation as a
burning torch. The nations shall see
your vindication and all the kings your
glory; and you shall be called by a new
name which the mouth of the Lord will
give. You shall be a crown of beauty in
the hand of the Lord, and a royal dia-
dem in the hand of your God. You shall
no more be termed Forsaken, and your
land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My delight is in
her, and your land Married; for the Lord
delights in you and your land shall be
married. For as a young man marries
a virgin, so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the
bride, so shall your God rejoice over
you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

For it is written, "He catches the
wise in their craftiness," and again,
"The Lord knows that the thoughts of
the wise are futile." So let no one boast
of men.

For all things are yours, wheth-
er Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the
world, or life or death, or the present
or the future, all are yours; and you are
Christ's; and Christ is God's

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 41:5,2;5:1

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal
my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
Blessed is he that considereth the poor
and needy: the Lord shall deliver him
in the time of trouble. Alleluia. Allelu-
ia. Ponder my words, O Lord: consider
my meditation. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:38-48

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disci-
ples, "You have heard that it was said,
'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a
tooth.'

"But I say to you, Do not resist one
who is evil. But if any one strikes you
on the right cheek, turn to him the oth-
er also; and if any one would sue you
and take your coat, let him have your
cloak as well; and if any one forces
you to go one mile, go with him two
miles.

"Give to him who begs from you,
and do not refuse him who would bor-
row from you.

"You have heard that it was said,
'You shall love your neighbour and

hate your enemy.'

"But I say to you, Love your en-
emies and pray for those who perse-
cute you, so that you may be sons of
your Father who is in heaven; for he
makes his sun rise on the evil and on
the good, and sends rain on the just
and on the unjust.

For if you love those who love you,
what reward have you? Do not even
the tax collectors do the same? And
if you salute only your brethren, what
more are you doing than others? Do
not even the Gentiles do the same?

You, therefore, must be perfect, as
your heavenly Father is perfect."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:17-15

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

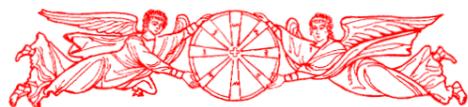
Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken
me, my Lord has forgotten me."

Can a woman forget her sucking
child, that she should have no compas-
sion on the son of her womb? Even
these may forget, yet I will not forget
you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from the Evil One.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **A**

THE FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbour, lest you bear sin because of him.

“You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me
praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. **R.**

Who forgiveth all thy sin
and healeth all thine infirmities;
who saveth thy life from destruction
and crowneth thee
with mercy
and loving-kindness. **R.**

The Lord is full of compassion
and mercy,
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
nor rewarded us
according to our wickednesses. **R.**
For look how high
the heaven is in comparison of the
earth; so great is his mercy also
toward them that fear him.
Look how wide also
the east is from the west;
so far hath he set our sins from us. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. Here I am, Lord;
I come to do thy will.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
And he hath put a new song
in my mouth,
even a thanksgiving unto our God **R.**

Sacrifice and meat-offering
thou wouldest not:
but mine ears hast thou opened.
Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin,
hast thou not required:
then said I, Lo, I come. **R.**

In the volume of the book
it is written of me,
that I should fulfil thy will, O my God;
I am content to do it;
yea, thy law is within my heart. **R.**

I have declared thy righteousness
in the great congregation:
lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord,
and that thou knowest. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The beginning of the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 107:20-21; 149:2

The Lord sent his word and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men. Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise the Lord, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-34

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and remain on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

27

R. The Lord is my light
and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid? R.

One thing have I desired of the Lord,
which I will seek after:

even that I may dwell

in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord,

and to visit his temple. R.

I believe verily to see
the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, be strong,
and he shall comfort thine heart;
and put thou thy trust in the Lord. R.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 107:20-21; 149:2

The nations shall fear thy name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when his glory shall appear. Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea. the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Alleluia.

seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 77:14.15; 98:1

Thou art the God that doeth wonders; and hast declared thy power among the people. Thou hast mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Alleluia. Alleluia. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:17-37

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.

For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

You have heard that it was said to

the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire.

So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear

THE GOSPEL READING**Matthew 5:13-16**

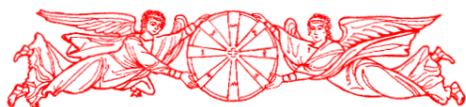
The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING**Sirach 15:15-20**

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

If you will, you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live.

He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything. The eyes of the Lord are on

those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man.

He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Graill 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18**

R. Blessed are those
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those that are undefiled
in the way
and walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they
that keep his testimonies
and seek him with their whole heart. **R.**

Thou hast charged that we shall
diligently keep thy commandments.
O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep thy statutes. **R.**

Bless thy servant
that I may live, and keep thy word.
Open thou mine eyes that I may see
the wondrous things of thy law. **R.**

THE SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.

None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has

THE GOSPEL READING**Matthew 4:12-23**

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R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING**Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the wrath of the Lord.

"For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall pasture and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**26**

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord keepeth his promise for ever;
who helpeth them to right

that suffer wrong;
who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison. **R.**

The Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen;
The Lord careth for the strangers,
he defendeth the fatherless and widow. **R.**

The Lord the Lord careth
for the righteous;
as for the way of the ungodly,
he turneth it upside down..
The Lord thy God, O Sion,
shall be King for evermore,
and throughout all generations. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to the flesh, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, 'Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 113:5-6; 138:2

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth. He taketh up the simple out of the dust, and lifteth the poor out of the mire. Alleluia. Alleluia. I will worship toward thy holy Temple and praise thy name. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, "Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, cover him, and do not to hide yourself from your own flesh.

"Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

"If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. A light rises in the darkness
for the righteous.

Unto the godly there ariseth up
light in the darkness;
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
A good man is merciful, and lendeth,
and will guide his words
with discretion. **R.**

For he shall never be moved,
and the righteous shall be had
in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings,
for his heart standeth fast,
and believeth in the Lord. **R.**

His heart is established,
and will not shrink
until he see his desire upon his enemies.
He hath dispersed abroad,
and given to the poor,
and his righteousness
remaineth for ever;
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

And I was with you in weakness, and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 112:9; 117

He hath dispersed abroad and given to the poor, and his righteousness remaineth for ever: His horn shall be exalted with honour. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments. Alleluia. Alleluia. O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him, all ye peoples. Alleluia.