

Sunday, June 2, 2024
Second Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

First Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm Psalm 81:1-10
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 81st PSALM IN UNISON

¹Sing with joy to | God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.
²**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,**
the merry harp, | and the lyre. R
³Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;
⁴**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,**
a law of the | God of Jacob.
⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of
Egypt,
where I heard a voice I | did not know:
⁶**"I eased your shoulder | from the burden;**

your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket. R

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters of Meribah.

⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:**

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

⁹There shall be no strange | god among you;
you shall not worship a | foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of
Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it. R

A READING FROM SECOND CORINTHIANS

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

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Sunday, June 9, 2024
Third Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

First Reading Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm Psalm 130
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

A READING FROM GENESIS

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

THE WORD OF THE LORD
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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 130TH PSALM IN UNISON

¹Out I of the depths

I cry to I you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, I hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my I supplication.

³If you were to keep watch I over sins,

O LORD, I who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you I is forgiveness,**

in order that you I may be feared. R

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; I my soul waits;

in your word I is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch I for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch I for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is I steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- I teous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall I redeem Israel**

from I all their sins. R

A READING FROM SECOND CORINTHIANS

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
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Sunday, June 16, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13]14-17

A READING FROM EZEKIEL

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 92nd PSALM IN UNISON

- ¹It is a good thing to give thanks ¹ to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, ¹ O Most High;
²**to herald your love ¹ in the morning
and your faithful- ¹ ness at night;**
³on the psaltery, and ¹ on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹ of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your ¹ acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works ¹ of your hands. R**
¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹ like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- ¹ dar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house ¹ of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts ¹ of our God;**
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹ in old age;
they shall be ¹ green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how up- ¹ right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is ¹ no injustice. R**

A READING FROM SECOND CORINTHIANS

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

THE WORD OF THE LORD
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Sunday, June 23
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

First Reading Job 38:1-11
Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A READING FROM JOB

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 107TH PSALM IN UNISON

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
- ²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
- ³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters. R**
- ²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.
- ²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**
- ²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.
- ²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.
- ²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.
- ²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea. R**
- ³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
- ³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**
- ³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah! **R**

A READING FROM SECOND CORINTHIANS

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
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Sunday, June 30
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm Psalm 30
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A READING FROM LAMENTATIONS

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 30th PSALM IN UNISON

- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**
- ³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**
- ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.
- ⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**
- ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
- ⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**
- ⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper." R**
- ¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.
- ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R**

A READING FROM SECOND CORINTHIANS

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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