

SECOND SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

1 SAMUEL 3:3-10,19

A Reading from the First Scroll of Samuel

Samuel was sleeping in a temple near the ark of God. The Lord called Samuel and he answered, "Yes". Then he ran to Eli and said to him, "Here I am. You called me." Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back to sleep." So Samuel went back to sleep.

The Lord called Samuel again. Samuel got up and went to Eli and said to him, "Here I am. You called me." Eli answered, "No, I did not call you. Go back to sleep."

That time Samuel was not aware that the Lord was calling him because the Lord never spoke to him (Samuel) before. The Lord called Samuel the third time. He (Samuel) got up and went to Eli and said to him, "Here I am. You called me." Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep. If he calls you, say, 'Lord, Speak, your servant is listening.' "

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Samuel then went back to sleep. The Lord came before him and said, “Samuel! Samuel!” Samuel got up and answered, “Speak, your servant is listening.”

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him. He made sure everything Samuel said became true.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm

PSALM 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10

RESPONSE: Lord, here I am. I will do your will.

I waited and waited for the Lord to help me.
He heard my prayer.
He pulled me out of the hole.
He let me stand on a rock.

RESPONSE:

You bless all that trust you.
You bless all that refuse to worship false gods.

RESPONSE:

Lord, here I am.
I love to do your will.
Your teaching is in my heart.

RESPONSE:

I told the Good News to your people.
You know that I'll never keep quiet.
I told them that you are kind.

RESPONSE:

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A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “We are not supposed to do bad things with our bodies. We use our bodies for the Lord. He is in charge of our bodies.

God raised the Lord to life. He will also us to life.

Don’t you know that your bodies are part of the body of Christ? Anyone that is with the Lord is one in spirit with him.

Don’t do bad acts with sex. That is a sin against your own body. Your body is a temple and the Holy Spirit lives in your body. The Spirit is in you and it is a gift from God. You are not your own. God paid a great price for you. So honor God with your body.”

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

We saw the Messiah. He brings us truth and mercy.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 1:35-42

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

John with his two followers saw Jesus walking by. John said, “Look, this is the Lamb of God!” The two followers heard John saying that. So they began to follow Jesus.

Jesus noticed that the two men were following him so he turned around and asked them, “What do you want?” The men answered, “Rabbi (Hebrew word for ‘Teacher’) we want to know where you live?”

Jesus replied, “Come and you will see!” So they went with Jesus and saw the place where Jesus lived. They stayed with Jesus.

One of the two men was Andrew and he was brother of Simon Peter. So he went out to look for his brother and tell him, “We saw the Messiah!” The word ‘Messiah’ means “Christ” both in Hebrew and Greek.

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Andrew found his brother, Simon, and brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at Simon and said to him, “Simon, son of John, you will be called ‘Cephas.’ That name is the same as ‘Peter.’”

The Good News of the Lord

THIRD SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

JONAH 3:1-5,10

A Reading from the Scroll of Jonah

The Lord called Jonah and said to him, “Go to the great city of Nineveh and announce the message I will give you.”

Jonah obeyed the Lord and he went to Nineveh. Nineveh was a large city. It took three days to walk through the city. Jonah started to walk through the city. He walked a whole day and said, “In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed.”

The people living in that city believed God. So they decided to fast and all the people, great and least, put on sackcloth to show that they have repented.

God saw what the people did. He saw that they had given up doing evil behavior so he decided not to destroy the city.

The Word of the Lord

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RESPONSE: Lord, teach me your ways

Show me your ways.
Teach me to follow your ways.
Guide me in your truth.
You are my savior.
I always trust you.

RESPONSE:

Lord, you are full of mercy.
You are always patient and kind.
Forget the wrongs I have done.
Show me that you are kind.
Lord, remember me, not my sins.

RESPONSE:

You are good and full of mercy.
You teach sinners to follow your way.
You lead humble people to do what is right.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “My friends, I am telling you that the time is short. It does not matter if you are married or not married. It will be the same if you are crying or laughing or if you are buying or broke. It makes no difference how much good you are getting from this world or how much you like it. This world as we know will not last much longer.”

The Word of the Lord

Third Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The kingdom of God is here. Repent and believe
in the Good News.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 1:14:20

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus heard that John the Baptist was arrested and put in prison. So he went into Galilee and began to preach the Good News. He said, “Now is the time. The kingdom of God is already here. Repent and believe the Good News!”

Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee. He saw the two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish.” At once Simon and Andrew dropped their net and went with Jesus.

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They went on walking. Jesus saw two brothers, James and John. They were in a boat with their father, Zebedee, fixing the net. Jesus said to them, “Come with me!” At once they left their father with the men in the boat and went with Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

FOURTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

A Reading from the Scroll of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people. He said, “God will send you a prophet like me from your own people and you must listen to him.

On the day you gathered at Mount Sinai, you begged not to hear the voice of the Lord or see his fiery presence because you were afraid to die. So the Lord said to me, ‘They have made wise request. I will send them a prophet like you from their own people. I will tell him what to say and he will tell the people everything I command. He will speak in my name and I will punish anyone refusing to obey him. But if any prophet dares to speak a message in my name that I did not command him to do so, he must die for it. And any prophet speaking in the name of false gods will die.’”

The Word of the Lord

Fourth Sunday in Church Time

**RESPONSE: Hear the voice of the Lord.
Don't let your heart become hard.**

Come and praise the Lord!
Praise the mighty rock.
Come and worship him with full hearts.
Praise the Lord with joyful songs.

RESPONSE:

Bow and worship the Lord our creator!
The Lord is our God and we are his people.
We are his sheep.

RESPONSE:

Listen to what the Lord says.
Don't be stubborn and rebel like your ancestors did.
They tested God and saw what he did.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “I would like for you to be free from worry. A man not married worries about how to please the Lord. But a married man has more worries. He must worry about things of this world because he wants to make his wife happy. So he is pulled in two directions.

Women not married worry only about pleasing the Lord. They keep their bodies and minds pure. But a married woman worries about things of this world because she wants to make sure that her husband will be happy.

What I am saying is for your own good. I want to help you to live right and to love the Lord above all else.”

The Word of the Lord

Fourth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

People living in the dark will see a great light
shinning on them.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 1:21-28

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus and his disciples went to the town of Capernaum. On the Sabbath day Jesus went into a synagogue and began to teach. The people heard him speaking and they were amazed. He was different; not like the teachers of the law because he taught with authority.

A man with evil spirit ran into the synagogue and screamed at Jesus, “You, Jesus from Nazareth, what are you doing here? I know you are the Holy One from God. You are here to destroy us.”

Jesus said, “You, shut up! Get out of the man!” The evil spirit shook the man, screamed, jumped out of the man and ran out.

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The people were amazed and began to say each other, “What is that? Never saw that before! Is that a new teaching? The evil spirit even obeyed Jesus.”

The news about Jesus began to spread out all over the country of Galilee.

The Good News of the Lord

Fourth Sunday in Church Time

FIFTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

JOB 7:1-4,6-7

A Reading from the Scroll of Job

Human life is like forced army service. It is like life of hard work, like a slave desiring for cool shade, like a worker waiting to be paid.

Month after month I have nothing to live for. Night after night I grieve. I lie down to sleep and the time goes on and on. I toss all night waiting for the morning to appear.

My days went out too fast without hope. They are faster than a shuttle of a weaver.

Remember, O God, my life is only a breath. My happiness has already ended.

The Word of the Lord

Fifth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord.

God is kind.

It is good to sing praises to God.

He brings people back home in Israel.

RESPONSE:

He is our hope.

He heals our bodies.

He decides the number of stars in the sky.

He gives each star a name.

RESPONSE:

Our Lord is great and powerful.

He understands everything.

The Lords helps the poor.

He smears bad people in the dirt.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19,22-23

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, "I have no reason to brag about preaching the Good News. God wants me to preach. If I don't preach, I will be condemned. If I want to preach, I will be paid. But if I don't want to preach, then it is what God wanted me to do. What pay will I get? It is the chance for me to preach the Good News free of charge. It is not my privileges because I am preacher.

I am free and belong to no one. But I became a slave to everyone so I can win as many people as possible.

For the weak people I become weak so I can win them. I do everything I can to win everybody as possibly as I can. I do all this for the Good News because I want to share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

Fifth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Christ healed us and made us well

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 1:29-39

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus, with James and John, left the synagogue and went to the house of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, held out his hand and helped her up from the bed. She got well and began to serve them a meal.

In the evening people brought sick people to Jesus and also the people with demons in them. Jesus healed the sick people and told the evil spirit to get out of the people. He would not let the demons say anything because they knew who Jesus was.

Very early next morning Jesus got up and left the house. He went out of the town to a quiet place to pray. Simon and his friends got up but Jesus was gone. So they went out looking for him. Finally they found him and said, "We have been looking all over for you."

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Jesus answered, “We cannot stay here. We must go to other places to preach the Good News. That is why I came here for.”

So he (Jesus) traveled all over Galilee, preaching the Good News and driving out demons.

The Good News of the Lord

SIXTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

LEVITICUS 13:1-2,45-46

A Reading from the Scroll of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Anyone having a sore or a rash or a swelling the skin that could become a horrible skin disease must go to the Aaronite priest.

The person with horrible skin disease must wear torn clothes, not to comb his hair, cover the lower part of his face and shout, “Unclean! Unclean!”

As long as the person has the disease he must live outside of the camp away from the people.

The Word of the Lord

Sixth Sunday in Church Time

**RESPONSE: Turn to the Lord with the joy
of salvation**

Happy are the people with sins that are forgiven.
Happy are the people that the Lord does not accuse of
doing wrong.

RESPONSE:

I confess my sins to you.
I did not conceal (hide), my sins.
I decided to confess my sins to you.
You forgave all my sins.

RESPONSE:

Be glad and rejoice of what the Lord has done.
You that obey him celebrate and shout for joy!

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians

Paul said, “Do whatever you want. Eat or drink for the glory of God.

Don’t make problems for Jews or Greeks or anyone else that belongs to the church of God.

I will always try to please others instead of myself in hope that many of them will be saved.

Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.”

The Word of the Lord

Sixth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

A great prophet is here with us.
God has visited his people.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 1:40-45

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

A man with leprosy came to Jesus and kneeled before him begging, “If you are willing, you can make me clean”.

Jesus felt sorry for the man and said, “Yes, I want to make you clean”. So he put his hand on the man and said, “Be clean!” At once the man was made clean.

Then Jesus told the man that he can go but warned him not to tell the people about what had happened. He said, “Go and show yourself to the priest that you are healed. Then offer a gift to God that Moses commanded so the people will know that you are healed.”

The man left and began to tell all the people that Jesus healed him. The news began to spread and Jesus could not enter the town. So Jesus went to other places that nobody lived. But people still came to Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

ISAIAH 43:18-19,21-22,24-25

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord says, “Let go of what had happened in the past. Don’t think of bad things that happened years ago.

Watch for the new things I will do. It is happening now and you can see it now! I will make a way through wilderness and in the wilderness I will give you streams of water.

They are the people I made for myself and they will sing my praises! But you, Israel, are tired of me. You did not worship me.

You did not buy incense for me or satisfy me with the offering of your animals. Instead you burdened me with your sins. I am tired of the wrongs you have done.

I am your God and I forgive your sins. I do this because of who I am. I will not hold on your sins against you.

The Word of the Lord

Seventh Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, heal my soul. I have sinned
against you

Lord, you protect the people and keep them alive.
You make them happy.
You will not give them up to the enemies.
You will heal the people that are sick.

RESPONSE:

Lord, I have sinned against you.
Have mercy on me and heal me.
My enemies say bad things about me.
They want me to die and be forgotten.

RESPONSE:

Praise the Lord God of Israel!
Praise him now and forever!
Amen! Amen!

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-22

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “Trust God! I am not promising a ‘yes’ and a ‘no’. It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is always ‘yes’ and never ‘no’. Jesus is the one that Silas, Timothy and I told you about.

Jesus said ‘yes’ to all promises of God. That is why we have Christ to say ‘amen’ for us to the glory of God.

God made it possible for you and us to stand firmly together with Christ. God is also the one that chose us and put his Spirit into our hearts to show that we belong only to him.”

The Word of the Lord

Seventh Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord chose me to proclaim the Good News
to the poor and to announce freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 2:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus went to Capernaum. People heard that Jesus was at home so they went to the house that Jesus was in. It was so full and there was no room to get into the house.

Jesus was teaching. Four men carrying a paralyzed man on a mat went to the house but they couldn't get into it because of the big crowd. So they went up to the roof and made a hole above the place Jesus was sitting. Then they lowered the man down in front of Jesus. Jesus looked up and saw the men had so much faith. Then he said to the paralyzed man on the mat, "My friend, your sins are forgiven."

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The teachers of the Law of Moses were there and they heard Jesus saying, “Your sins are forgiven.” They began to say to each other, “How can Jesus say that? That is blasphemy. He thinks he is God! Only God can forgive sins.”

Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said to them, “Why are you thinking that way? Which is easier for me to tell to this paralyzed man that his sins are forgiven or tell him to get up, pick up his mat and go home? I will prove to you that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins here on earth.”

Then Jesus said to the man, “Get up! Pick up your mat and go home.” The man got up, picked up his mat and walked out.”

Everybody saw what had happened and they were amazed. So they praised God saying, “We have never seen anything like that before!”

The Good News of the Lord

Seventh Sunday in Church Time

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

HOSEA 2:16b,17b,21-22

A Reading from the Scroll of Hosea

The Lord says, “She will not call me Baal. I will never let her speak the name of Baal again.

This time I will answer the prayers of my people of Israel. I will make rain fall on the earth. Crops, grapes and olives will grow.

I will establish my people in the land and make them comfortable. I will show love to those that were ‘unloved’ and to those ‘Not-My-People’ I will say, ‘You are my people’ and they will answer, ‘You are our God.’”

The Word of the Lord

Eighth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and full of mercy.

I will praise the Lord with all my heart.
I praise his holy name!
I will never forget how kind he is to me.

RESPONSE:

The Lord forgives our sins.
He protects us from death.
He gives us love and compassion.

RESPONSE:

The Lord is full of mercy.
He is kind and patient.
His love never fails
He does not punish us for our sins.

RESPONSE:

God takes our sins as far as possible.
Farther than the distance from east to west!
The Lord is kind to us like the father to his children.

RESPONSE:

Eighth Sunday in Church Time

Second Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 3:1b-6

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “Do we need letters to you or from you? Some people need letters that tells about them. You are our letter written on our hearts for everyone to read and understand. You are a letter from Christ not written with pen and ink but with the Spirit of living God. It is not written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

We are sure about all this because we have confidence in God through Christ. We have nothing to claim that we have done anything on our own. God gives us what it takes to do all that we do. He makes us worthy to be the servants of his new agreement that comes from the Holy Spirit and not from a written law. The law gives death but the Spirit gives life.

The Word of the Lord

Eighth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

God wants us to be his special people. So he sent the message to give us new birth.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 2:18-22

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

The followers of John the Baptist and the Pharisees often fast. Some people went to Jesus and said to him, “The followers of John the Baptist often fast. Also the Pharisees fast. But your friends do not fast. Why?”

Jesus answered, “You know the people go to the wedding. Do they fast? No! As long as the groom is with the people they do not fast. But on the day the groom will be taken away, they will fast. If your old coat has a hole, will you use a piece of new cloth to patch over the hole? No! The new patch will shrink and tear off some of the old cloth and the hole will become bigger.

Eighth Sunday in Church Time

No one will pour new wine into old wineskins. Why? The old wineskins will burst and the new wine will be lost. Instead the new wine must be poured into new wineskins.”

The Good News of the Lord

NINTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

A Reading from the Scroll of Deuteronomy

The Lord says, “Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have six days to do the work but on the seventh day you shall do no work. You should use it as a day of rest dedicated to me. No one, not even your children, animals or slaves do the work. Your slaves must rest as you do.

Remember you were slave in Egypt and I, the Lord, rescued you by my great power and strength.

That is why I command you to observe the Sabbath.

The Word of the Lord

Ninth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Sing to God with joy.

Blow the trumpet for the festival.
The moon is new and full.
We must celebrate.
This is the law in Israel.

RESPONSE:

God gave the law to the people of Israel.
We heard strange voice saying,
“I lifted the burden from your shoulder.
I took heavy basket from your hands.”

RESPONSE:

I am the Lord, your God.
I saved you from Egypt.
Just ask and I will give you.
But you refused to listen to me.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-11

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “The Scriptures say that God ordered light to shine in the dark. Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is in Jesus Christ.

We are like clay jars with the treasure in them. The real power is from God; not from us. We often suffer but never crushed. Even though we do not know what to do we will never give up. God is with us in times of trouble. Every time we are knocked down we get up again. We face death every day because of Jesus. Our bodies show what his death is like so that his life will be in us.

The Word of the Lord

Ninth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Lord, your word is truth. Fill us in the truth.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 2:23-3:6

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

One Sabbath Jesus was walking through the wheat field with his disciples. His disciples were picking grains of wheat. Some Pharisees saw and said to Jesus, “Your disciples are picking grains on Sabbath. You know that it is against the law.”

Jesus answered, “Do you know what David did when he and his followers were hungry. It happened during the time Abiathar was the high priest. David went into the house of God and took the sacred bread and ate it. That bread is only for the priests to eat. He also gave some of the bread to his followers.”

Then Jesus said, “The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. That is why the Son of the Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Ninth Sunday in Church Time

Jesus entered the synagogue. A man with crippled hand was in the synagogue. The Pharisees wanted to see Jesus do something wrong so they can accuse him. So they were watching Jesus to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath.

Jesus told the man with crippled hand to stand up so the people can see him. Then he asked the people, “On the Sabbath should we do good deeds or evil deeds? Should we save life of people or destroy it? But no one answered.

Jesus looked around the people and became angry. But he felt sorry for the people because they were so stubborn. Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched out his hand and his hand was healed.

The Pharisees left the synagogue and begin to make plans with the followers of Herod to kill Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

TENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

GENESIS 3:9-15

A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis

The Lord God called out for the man, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “I heard you walking in the garden, I was afraid so I hide from you because I was naked.” God replied, “Who told you that you are naked? Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?” Adam answered, “The woman you gave me to be with me gave me the fruit. So I ate it.”

Then God asked the woman, “Why did you do this?” The woman replied, “The snake tempted me. So I ate.”

Then God said to the snake; “You will be punished for that. Of all animals you alone are condemned. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust as long as you live. I will make you and the woman hate each other. Your children and the children of the woman will always be enemies. You will bite off her child’s heel but the child will crush your head.”

Adam named his wife, “Eve” because she was the mother of all living people.

The Word of the Lord

Tenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: The Lord is full of mercy.

Lord, I am in deep trouble.
I am calling you for help.
Lord, hear my cry.

RESPONSE:

Lord, you punish people for their sins,
But you forgive us.
We will worship you.

RESPONSE:

Trust the Lord
He is full of mercy.
He has the power to save you.
The Lord will save you from all your sins.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “The scripture says ‘I spoke because I had faith.’ We have that same faith. We know that God had raised Jesus to life. He will also raise us to life. Then he will bring us into his presence. All this is for your benefit so that more and more people will know that God is kind and will praise and honor him.

We never give up. Our bodies are dying but we are becoming stronger each day. These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make our troubles seem like nothing. Things that are given us don’t last forever and they are not for eternal. That is why we keep our minds on things that we cannot see.

Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But the tents will be destroyed God will have a house in heaven for us to live. The house we will live will be a home that God built will last forever

The Word of the Lord

Tenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord says, “The ruler of this world will be thrown out. I will be lifted up and everyone will come to me.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 3:20-35

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus went home. A large crowd gathered and Jesus did not have a chance to eat. His family heard what Jesus was doing so they went to take charge of him because they thought he was crazy.

Some teachers of the law came from Jerusalem and said that the devil, Beelzebul, is controlling Jesus and giving him power to force demons out.

So Jesus called the people to gather around him and said to them, “How can Satan force out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, it will fall apart. If a family fights against each other, that family will also fall apart. So if Satan is against himself, he cannot stand and it will be the end of him.

Tenth Sunday in Church Time

No one can enter a house of a strong man and steal all his things if he did not tie up the strong man. He must first tie up the strong man so he can rob his house.

I tell you that sins of people can be forgiven. But if you speak against the Holy Spirit, you will never be forgiven. Jesus said that because people were saying, ‘He has an evil spirit in him.’”

Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived and stood outside the house. They sent someone into the house to call him. The crowd sitting around Jesus told him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside and they want to see you.” Jesus asked them, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” Then he looked at the people sitting around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone does the will of God is my mother and brothers.”

The Good News of the Lord

Tenth Sunday in Church Time

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

A Reading from the Scroll of Ezekiel

The Lord says, “I will take the top of a tall cedar and break off a tender sprout. I will plant it on a high mountain; on the highest mountain in Israel. Branches will grow and give seed. It will be a wonderful cedar. All kinds of birds will nest in it and find shelter in the shade of the branches. All the trees in the field will know that I am the Lord. I cut down the tall trees and make small trees grow tall. I dry up the green trees and make the dry trees become green.

I, the Lord, have spoken. I will do what I said.”

The Word of the Lord

Eleventh Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, it is good to give you thanks

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.
It is good to sing praise his name.
I like praising him to the music of harps.

RESPONSE:

Good people will grow like palm trees.
They will be like the cedars of Lebanon.
They will be like trees that are healthy.

RESPONSE:

They will be strong even in their old age.
They will say that the Lord is always right.
God is our mighty rock.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

2 CORINTHIAN 5:6-10

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “We are always full of courage. We know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. But we live by faith, not by what we see. We should be happy because we would rather leave the bodies and be at home with the Lord.

Whether we are at home with the Lord or away from the Lord, we should do our best to make the Lord happy. Christ will judge each of us for the good or the bad that we have done in our bodily life.

The Word of the Lord

Eleventh Sunday in Church Time

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The seed is the word of God. Christ is the sower and all go to the Lord will live forever.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 4:26-34

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is like a farmer sowing seeds in his field. The farmer sleeps at night and is up during the day. The seeds began to sprout and grow. He does not understand how it grows. The soil makes the plant grow—first the stem, then the leaves, then the head of wheat. Finally the wheat is ripe and is ready to be harvested. The farmer would cut the wheat with a sickle.”

Again Jesus told another parable. He said, “How can I describe the kingdom of God or what story should I use to explain it? It is like a mustard seed and it is the smallest seed. That seed is planted and it will sprout and grow into a very large tree with big branches. The birds can build their nests on the branches and be protected from the sun.”

Eleventh Sunday in Church Time

Jesus used many stories to teach the people so they could understand. He used illustrations in the stories to the people. But with his twelve disciples alone he would explain to them the meanings of the stories.

The Good News of the Lord

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

JOB 38:1,8-11

A Reading from the Scroll of Job

The Lord answered Job out of the storm, “Who closed the gates to hold back the sea to keep it from bursting from the womb of the earth?

I covered the sea with clouds and kept it in the dark. I set up a boundary for the sea and kept it behind the gate.

I told the sea, ‘So far and no farther! Your powerful wave must stop.’”

The Word of the Lord

Twelfth Sunday in church Rime

RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord. His love is everlasting.

Some people sailed over the ocean for living.
They saw the miracles the Lord did.
He commanded the storm and the waves rose.
The ships were tossed up and down.
They lost their courage.

RESPONSE:

They were in danger.
They prayed to the Lord and he saved them.
He stopped the storm and silenced the sea.
They got to the port safely and they were happy.

RESPONSE:

They should praise the Lord for his love.
They should thank God for wonderful things he did.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “We are ruled by the love of Christ for us. We are sure that if one person died for everyone, then all of us have died. Christ died for all of us. He did so we no longer live for ourselves but for the one that died and was raised to life for us.

We are careful not to judge people by what they seem to be. We did judge Christ in that way. Anyone belonging to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten and everything is new.

The Word of the Lord

Twelfth Sunday in Church time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

A great prophet has risen among us. God has visited his people.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 4:35-41

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

One evening Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s go to the other side of the lake.” So Jesus and his disciple left the crowd and got into a boat. They began to row across the lake. Other boats followed them. Suddenly a storm came up. The wind was blowing hard and the waves became rough. The water was filling in the boat and it began to sink.

The disciples became afraid and they went to the back of the boat to wake Jesus up. Jesus was sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples said, “Teacher, why don’t you care about us? We are drowning.” Jesus stood up and commanded the wind to stop and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped and the wave became quiet.

Twelfth Sunday in Church Time

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Why are you afraid? Don’t you have faith?” The disciples became more afraid and said to each other, “Who is that man? The wind and the waves obeyed him!”

The Good News of the Lord

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

WISDOM 1:13-15;2:23-24

A Reading from the Scroll of Wisdom

God did not invent death. The living one dies. Death does not give him pleasure. He created everything so that it might continue to live. Everything he created is good. There is no deadly poison in them. Death does not rule this world because the justice of God does not die.

God created us. He did not mean for us to die. He made us like himself. It was the jealousy of the devil that brought death into the world and those belonging to the devil are the ones that will die.

The Word of the Lord

Thirteenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, I will praise you. You have saved me.

Lord, you protected me from troubles.
You did not let my enemies laugh at me.
You lifted me out of the grave.
You let me live.
I did not have to stay with dead people in the pit.

RESPONSE:

Sing praise to the Lord.
Praise his holy name!
God was angry.
His decision was death
But he showed his love and gave me life.
At night I lay crying.
The next morning I was happy and singing!

RESPONSE:

Lord, hear my prayer.
Lord, help me!
You changed my sadness into joy.
Lord, I will praise you forever.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “My friends, you do everything better than anyone else. You have stronger faith. You speak better and know more. You are eager to give and you love us better. Now you must give more generous than anyone else. You know that our Lord Jesus was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor so you can be rich.

I am not trying to make life easier for others by making life harder for you. But it is only fair for you to share with them. You have so much and they have so little. Later they will have more than enough and will share with you. Then everyone will have a fair share as the Scriptures say, ‘Those gathering so much will have nothing left. Those gathering only a little will have all they needed.’”

The Word of the Lord

Thirteenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and gave us
Good News. It brought light to life.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 5:21-43

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus got into a boat and crossed Lake Galilee. He got out of the boat and stood on the shore. Many people came to Jesus. One of the officials from the synagogue named Jairus went Jesus, knelt before him and begged him saying, “My daughter is going to die. Please come and touch her so she can get well and live.” Jesus went with him. Many people followed them.

In the crowd was a woman with bleeding disease for twelve years. She went to many doctors and they could not help her stop bleeding. She spent lots of money and instead of getting better she got worse.

The woman saw Jesus walking by so she went behind him with the crowd and touched his clothes. She thought if she could touch his clothes, she will get well.

Thirteenth Sunday in Church Time

At last her bleeding stopped. She knew at once that she got well.

Jesus felt his power came out of him. He turned to the people and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” His disciples said to him, “Look at all the people pushing around us. Why do you ask who touched you?” But Jesus looked around to see who touched him.

The woman knew what had happened to her. She came up shaking with fear, knelt before Jesus told him what had happened. Jesus said to the woman, “You are now well because of your faith. Go in peace.”

That time Jesus was speaking to the woman some men from the synagogue come to Jairus and told him that his daughter has died and not to bother the teacher anymore. Jesus heard what the men said to Jairus and told him not to worry and have faith.

Jesus did not let anyone to follow him. Peter and the two brothers, John and James, went into the house. They saw the people crying and made lots of noise. Jesus said to them, “Why are you crying? The child is not dead. She is sleeping.” But the people laughed at him. Jesus told the people to get out of the house. Then he with the three disciples, girl’s father and mother went into the girl’s room.

Jesus took the hand of the girl and said, “Talitha, koum!” meaning in Aramaic language “Little girl, get up!” The girl got up and walked around.

Everyone was surprised. But Jesus told them to keep quiet and not tell anyone what had happened. Then he said, “Give her something to eat.”

The Good News of the Lord

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

EZEKIEL 2:2-5

A Reading from the Scroll of Ezekiel

I heard the voice and the spirit of God entered me. It made me rise to my feet. The voice said, “Mortal man, I am sending you to the people of Israel. They have rebelled against me. They are still rebels just like their ancestors. They are stubborn and have no respect for me. So I am sending you to tell them what I, the Lord, am telling them. Whether those rebels listen to you or not, they will know that the prophets has been among them.

The Word of the Lord

Fourteenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: We look to the Lord for his mercy.

Lord, I look up to you.
I look to you on your throne in heaven.
Servants depend on their masters.
But we look to you for mercy.

RESPONSE:

Lord, have mercy on us.
We have been insulted more than we can stand.
We have been mocked by those proud people.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “Now I am telling you of the wonderful things I saw. An angel of the Satan was sent to make me suffer terribly so that I would not feel too proud.

Three times I begged the Lord to take away this suffering. But the Lord replied, ‘My kindness is all you need. My power is so strong in order to make you weak.’

So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag how weak I am. Yes, I am contended with weakness, insults, hardships, and persecutions. For Christ I accept all these troubles and sufferings. So if I am weak, then I will be strong.”

The Word of the Lord

Fourteenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He chose me to tell the Good News to the poor.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 6:1-6

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus with his disciples went to Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus. On the Sabbath day Jesus went into a synagogue and began to teach. Many people heard him and they were amazed. They began to ask each other, “How can he do all this? Where did he get all the knowledge and power to do miracles? Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Are his brothers James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Does he have sisters living here?”

People were not happy with him because they did not accept what he was doing. Jesus said, “Prophets are respected by everyone but not by the people of their hometown and not even by their relatives and their own family.

Fourteenth Sunday in Church Time

Jesus could not do miracles but for sick the people he placed his hands on them and healed them. He was surprised that people did not have faith in him.

The Good News of the Lord

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

AMOS 7:12-15

A Reading from the Scroll of Amos

Amaziah said to Amos, “That is enough, Prophet! Go back to Judah and do your preaching there. Let them pay you for it. Don’t prophesy here at Bethel any more. This is the place of worship of the king, the national temple.”

Amos answered, “I am not the kind of prophet that prophesy for pay. I am a herdsman and I take care of fig trees. But the Lord took me from my work as shepherd and ordered me to come and prophesy to his people Israel.”

The Word of the Lord

Fifteenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, show us your love and grant us your salvation.

You are ready to save everyone honoring you.
You will be with us in all your glory.
Love and faithfulness will be together.
Justice and peace will unite.

RESPONSE:

Kindness and truth will be together.
Justice and peace will unite.
Truth will show from this world.
Justice will come from heaven.

RESPONSE:

Justice will come before the Lord.
Prepare the way for him.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, "Let us give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual blessings that Jesus brought us from heaven! Before the world was made, God chose us to be his children through Christ. So we should praise God for his gift he gave us in his beloved son.

Christ gave up his life to free us. He forgave our sins. Christ did this because God loves us. God has great wisdom and understanding because of what Christ has done. God has shown us his mysterious ways. At the right time God will do all that he has planned and Christ will bring together everything in heaven and on earth.

God always does what he plans. That is why he had chosen us to be his children through Christ. He did this so that we Jews would bring honor to him and be the first ones to have hope because of him. You heard the truth which is the Good News about how you can be saved. You put your faith in Christ and you were given the Holy Spirit which he promised to show that you belong to God. The Spirit also makes us sure that we will receive what God has stored up for his people. Then we will be free. Let us praise him!

The Word of the Lord

Fifteenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia--- Alleluia---Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ open our hearts so we may know the hope he has given us.

Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 6:7-13

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus called his twelve apostles and sent them out two by two. He gave them power over the devils and told them, "Take a walking stick with you as you go out. But don't take food or bag or money. You can wear sandals, but don't bring extra clothes. You go to a house and if a person in that house welcomes you, stay with that person until you leave the town. But if a person didn't welcome you or refuse to listen to you, leave and shake the dust from your feet. That will be warning to them."

The apostles left and started to preach. They told them to stop sinning and forced many demons from the people. They poured olive oil over the heads of sick people and healed them.

The Good News of the Lord

Fifteenth Sunday in Church time

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

A Reading from the Scroll of Jeremiah

How terrible will the judgment of the Lord be on the rulers destroying and scattering his people! This is what the Lord, God of Israel, says to the rulers, “You supposed to take care of my people but you did not. You scattered them and drove them away. Now I am going to punish for the evil you did to my people. I will gather my people from the countries and bring them back to their homeland. They will have many children and their number will increase. Then I will appoint rulers to take care of them. My people will no longer be afraid or terrified. I will not punish them again. I, the Lord, have spoken.”

The Lord says, “I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will rule wisely and do what is right and fair. Then the people of Israel will live in peace. He will be called ‘The Lord Our Salvation.’”

The Word of the Lord

Sixteenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd. There is
nothing I want.

The Lord is my shepherd.
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in the fields of green grass.
He leads me to streams of fresh water.
He gives me new strength.

RESPONSE:

He leads me in the right way.
I may walk through a valley of darkness,
But I will not be afraid.
You are with me.
Your staff protects me.

RESPONSE:

You prepared a banquet for me in front of my enemies.
You honor me as your guest.
My cup is overflowing.
Your kindness and love will always be with me.
I will live forever in your house.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “Before you were far away from God. But Christ gave up his life through his blood. Now you are near to God.

Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles. He gave up his body to break down the wall of hatred that separated the Jews from the Gentiles. He abolished the Jewish law with its commandments and rules to bring Jews and Gentiles together in one new people in union with him.

By his death on the cross Jesus destroyed hatred for each other. He also made peace between us and God by uniting Jews and Gentiles in one body. Christ came and preached peace to you Gentiles that were far away from God and to us Jews that were near to God. It is through Christ all of us can come to the Father in one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Sixteenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord says, “My sheep hears my voice. I know them and they follow me.”

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 6:30-34

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

The apostles came back home from their trip and told Jesus what had happened. But many people were coming and going that Jesus and the apostles did not have chance to eat. Then Jesus said, “Let’s go to a place where we can be alone and get some rest.”

They got into a boat and went to a place so they can be left alone. But many people saw them leaving and they figured out the place they were going. So they from every town ran ahead and got to the place first.

Jesus got out of the boat and he saw a large crowd. The people were like sheep without a shepherd. He felt sorry for them and he began to teach them many things.

The Good News of the Lord

Sixteenth Sunday in Church Time

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

2 KINGS 4:42-44

A Reading from the Second Scroll of Kings

A man from Baal Shalishah brought Elisha twenty loaves of bread made from the first barley harvested that year and some freshly-cut heads of grain.

Elisha told his servant to feed the group of prophets with the bread. But the servant answered, “Do you think this enough bread for a hundred men?”

Elisha answered, “Give it to them to eat because the Lord says that they will eat and still have some left over.” So the servant gave them the bread as the Lord said. They all ate and there was still some bread left over.

The Word of the Lord

Seventeenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, you give us all good things.

All people will thank you.

They will praise you.

They will tell about your kingdom and your power.

RESPONSE:

Everyone depends on you.

At the right time you will provide food.

With your hands you satisfy the desires of the people.

RESPONSE:

Lord, everything you do is kind and thoughtful.

You are near everyone that needs your help.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, "I am prisoner of the Lord. So I beg you to live in a way that is good for the people God has chosen to be his children.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other and love one another. Do your best to let the Spirit of God keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace.

All of you are part of the same body. There is only one Spirit of God. You were chosen to be the children of God and you were given one hope.

We have only one Lord, one faith and one baptism. There is only one God and he is the Father of all people. Not only God is above all others but he works by using all of us and he lives in all of us."

The Word of the Lord

Seventeenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

A great prophet has arisen among us. God has visited his people.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 6:1-15

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

Jesus crossed Lake Galilee. A large crowd that saw Jesus did the miracles in healing so they went with him. It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and he sat down.

Jesus saw the large crowd coming to him. He said to Philip, "Where can we get enough food to feed all these people?" He said to Philip to test him because he knew what Philip was going to do.

Philip answered, "You know it would cost us almost one year salary to buy just a little bread for each of these people"

Seventeenth Sunday in Church Time

Andrew, one of the disciple and brother of Peter, said, “Look, there is a boy here with five small loaves of barley bread and two fish but they are not enough to feed all these people.

Jesus told the disciple to tell the people to sit on the grass. About five thousand men were in the crowd. Jesus took the bread and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people. The same way he did with the fish. Everyone had plenty to eat and had enough.

Jesus told the disciples to gather up all the leftovers so nothing will be wasted. The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets of leftovers from five loaves of bread.

The people saw Jesus did this miracle and they began to say to each other, “That man must be the prophet coming into this world!” Jesus began to realize that the people would try to force him to be their king. So he went up on a mountain so he can be alone.

The Good News of the Lord

Seventeenth Sunday in Church Time

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

EXODUS 16:2-4,12-15

A Reading from the Scroll of Exodus

The Israelites in the desert began to grumble against Moses and Aaron. They said to them, “We wish that the Lord had killed us in Egypt. There we could eat meat and as much food as we wanted. But you brought us here in the desert and we are starving to death.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them that at the sunset they will have meat to eat and in the morning all the bread they want. Then they will know that I, the Lord, am their God.”

In the evening a large flock of quails flew in enough to cover the camp and in the morning the dew was all around the camp. The dew evaporated leaving thin flakes like frost on the ground. The Israelites saw it and they did not know what it is. So they said to each other, “What is it?” Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given for you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

We know what the Lord told us.
We will not keep them from our children.
We will tell them what the Lord has done.

RESPONSE:

The Lord spoke to the cloud above.
He opened the doors in the sky.
He gave the people manna to eat.

RESPONSE:

The people ate the food of angels.
They ate all the food they could eat.
God brought them to his holy mountain.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 4:17,20-24

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “In the name of the Lord I warn you not to live like the Gentiles. Their thoughts are worthless. It is not the way you learned about Christ. He is the truth and you must learn about him. So get rid of your foolish desires that destroy you. Give up the old way of life with all its bad habits.

Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you a new person. You are created to be like God. So make him happy and be holy.”

The Word of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

No one can live only on food but on the word of God.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 6:24-35

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

The people noticed that Jesus and his disciples were gone. They got into the boats and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus. They saw him on the west side of the lake and asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered, “I am sure that you are looking for me not because you saw the miracles, but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don’t work for food that spoils. Work for food that gives eternal life. The son of Man will give will give you this food, because the father has given him the right to do so.”

The people asked, “What does God really want us to do?” Jesus answered, “God wants you to have faith in the one he sent.”

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The people replied, “What miracle will you do so that we can have faith in you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the desert as it is said in the scriptures, ‘God gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus then said them, “I tell you for sure that Moses was not the one that gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one that gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread that God gives is the one that came down from heaven to give life to the world.”

The people said, “Lord, give us this bread and keep doing it!” Jesus answered, “I am the bread that gives life! Anyone comes to me will never be hungry and those believe in me will never be thirsty.”

The Good News of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday in Church Time

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

1 KINGS 19:4-8

A Reading from the First Scroll of Kings

Elijah went into the desert and went to a broom tree and sat down under it. He prayed that he might die. He said, “Lord, I have enough. Take my life. I am not any better than my ancestors.” Then he lies down and fell asleep.

An angel came and touched him and said, “Get up and eat!” Elijah looked around and saw the bread baked over hot coals and a jar of water near his head. He ate the bread and drank the water. Then he lay down to sleep again.

The angel of God came back a second time and woke him up. He said, “Get up and eat! The journey will be too much for you.” So Elijah got up and ate and drank. He got his strength from the bread and he traveled forty days and forty nights until he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord

Nineteenth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

With all my heart I will praise the Lord.
Let all oppressed people listen and be glad!
Let us praise his great name together!

RESPONSE:

I prayed to the Lord and he answered me.
He freed me from all my fears.
Keep your eyes on the Lord!
You will shine like the sun.

RESPONSE:

I was nobody but I prayed.
The Lord saved me from all my troubles.
Honor the Lord and his angel will protect you.

RESPONSE:

See for yourself that the Lord is kind.
Go to him for protection and you will be glad.
Honor the Lord!
You are his special people.
People obey the Lord will have all they need.

RESPONSE:

Nineteenth Sunday in Church Time

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “Don’t make the spirit of God sad. The Spirit makes sure that someday you will be free from sins.

Stop being bitter, stop being angry and mad at others. Don’t yell at one another or curse each other. Don’t be rude. Instead be kind and merciful. Forgive others just as God forgave you because of Christ.

Do as God do! Remember you are his dear children. Let love be your guide. Christ loved us and gave up his life for us as his sacrifice that pleases God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord says, “I am the living bread from heaven. Anyone eating this bread will live forever.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 6:41-51

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

People began to grumble about Jesus saying that he is the bread from heaven. They asked each other, “Is that Jesus the son of Joseph? Do we know his father and mother? How can he say that he came down from heaven?”

Jesus heard the people complaining and said to them, “Stop grumbling! My Father sent me here and no one can come to me if my Father did not make them to come to me. But they came and I will raise them to life on the last day. One of the prophets wrote, ‘God will teach all of them.’ Anyone listening to the Father and learning from him will come to me.”

The one that has seen the Father is the one that came from him. No one has seen the Father.

Nineteenth Sunday in Church Time

I tell you for certain that anyone having faith in me will have eternal life. I am the bread that gives life!

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert and they all died. But anyone that eats the bread from heaven will not die. I am that bread from heaven. Anyone eating this bread will live forever. My body is the life-giving bread that I give to the people of this world.

The Good News of the Lord

Nineteenth Sunday in Church Time

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

PROVERBS 9:1-6

A Reading from the Scroll of Proverbs

Wisdom built her house with seven columns. She killed an animal for a feast, mixed spices in the wine and set the table. She sent her servant women to call out from the highest place in town, “Come in, stupid people!” To the foolish people she says, “Come, eat my food and drink the wine that I have mixed. Leave the group of stupid people and live. Follow the way of knowledge.”

The Word of the Lord

Twentieth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

With all my heart I will praise the Lord.
Let all oppressed people listen and be glad!
Let us praise his great name together!

RESPONSE:

Young lions may be hungry or even starve.
But trust the Lord and you will never be left out
Come, my children, listen to me.
I will teach you to respect the Lord.

RESPONSE:

Do you want to live and enjoy a long life?
Then don't say bad things.
Don't tell lies.

RESPONSE:

Do good instead of evil and try to live at peace.
Obey the Lord and he will watch over you.
He will answer your prayers.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “Be like the people with good sense. Don’t be like the fools. These are evil times. So make every minute count. Don’t be stupid. Instead find out what the Lord wants you to do. Don’t destroy yourself by getting drunk. Let the Spirit fill your life. Get together and sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Praise the Lord with all your heart. Always use the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to thank God the Father for everything.

The Word of the Lord

Twentieth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord says, “If you eat my body and drink my blood, you will be in me and I in you.”

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 6:51-58

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

Jesus said to the people, “I am the living bread from heaven. That bread is my body. If you eat my body, you will live forever.”

The Jews began to argue with each other and asked, “How can he give his body for us to eat?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth. If you do not eat my body and do not drink my blood, you will have no life. But if you eat my body and drink my blood, you will live forever. I will raise you to life on the last day. My body is the real food and my blood is the real drink. If you eat my body and drink my blood, you will be with me and I will be with you. The Father sent me and because of him I have life. So anyone eating my body will live because of me.

Twentieth Sunday in Church Time

The bread that comes down from heaven is not like the bread that your ancestors ate in the desert. They ate manna and they all died. I am the bread that came down from heaven and anyone eating that bread will live forever.”

The Good News of the Lord

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

JOSHUA 24:1-2,15-18

A Reading from the Scroll of Joshua

Joshua called all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and also their elders, leaders, judges and officers of Israel. They all stood up before the Lord. Joshua said to the people, “If you do not wish to serve the Lord, then decide today which one will you serve, the gods your fathers beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in the land you are now living. But for me and my people we will serve the Lord.”

The people answered, “No way for us to forget the Lord and serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself brought us and our ancestors out of Egypt, the land of slavery and did great miracles before our eyes. He protected us on our journey through all the nations we went through and all the peoples. The Lord drove out the Amorites that lived in the land. We will serve the Lord because he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-First Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

With all my heart I will praise the Lord
May all oppressed people listen and be glad!
Let us praise together his great name!

RESPONSE:

God despises evil people.
Good people cry out and the Lord hears.
He frees them from their troubles.

RESPONSE:

The Lord is close to all discouraged people.
He saves lost people.
People may have many troubles.
But he protects them.

RESPONSE:

Not one of their bones will be broken.
Wicked people are killed by their evil deeds.
Enemies of good people will be condemned.
The Lord will protect his servants.

RESPONSE:

Twenty-First Sunday in Church Time

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “Honor Christ and put others first. A wife should put her husband first as she does the Lord. A husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head and the savior of the church which is his own body. Wives should always put their husbands as the church puts Christ first.

A husband should love his wife as much as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. He made the church holy by the power of his word and made it pure by washing it with water. Christ did this so that he would have a glorious and holy church without faults or any other flaws.

In the same way a husband should love his wife as much as he loves himself. A husband loves his wife shows that he loves himself. None of us hate our own bodies. We provide for them and take good care of them just as Christ does for the church because we are each part of his body. As the scriptures say, ‘A man leaves his father and mother to get married and he becomes like one person with his wife.’ This is the great mystery but I understand it to mean Christ and his church.”

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-First Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Lord, your words are Spirit and life.
You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 6:60-69

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

Jesus told the people that he is the bread of life and anyone wanting to have eternal life should eat his body. Many people began to complain because his teaching is too hard to understand.

Jesus knew that the people were grumbling. So he asked them, “Do you want to give up? The Spirit is the one that gives life! Human power can do nothing. The words I told you are from the life-giving spirit. But some of you still do not believe.” Jesus said that because he knew from the beginning who would have faith in him and also which one would betray him.

Jesus then said, “You cannot come to me if my Father did not make you want to come to me. That is why I told you these things to all of you.”

Twenty-First Sunday in Church Time

Many people began to leave Jesus and stopped following him. Jesus asked his apostles if they would like to leave him. Peter said, “Lord, to whom can we go? Your words give eternal life. We have faith in you and believe that you are the holy one from God.”

The Good News of the Lord

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2,6-8

A Reading from the Scroll of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people, “Now, Israel, obey the laws I will give you so you will live and take over the land that the Lord, the God of ancestors, is giving you. Do not add anything to what I have told you and also do not take anything away. But keep the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you.

Obey the laws with full faith so you will show the people of other nation that you are wise. No other nations, no matter how great, has god that is near them the way the Lord our God is near us and is helping us.

No other nation, no matter how great, has laws that are as just as the laws I am giving you today.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Second Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Good people will live in the presence of God!

People obeying God do as they should.
They speak the truth and don't gossip.
They are fair with other people.
They do not say bad things.

RESPONSE:

They hate people that God rejects.
They respect people that obey the Lord.
They keep their promises no matter what the cost.

RESPONSE:

They give loans and do not charge interest.
They don't take bribes to hurt the innocent.
Those do these things will always be safe.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

JAMES 1:17-18,21-22,27

A Reading from the Letter of James

Every good and perfect gift is from the Father, of the heavenly lights. He is always the same and does not make dark shadows. He wanted us to be his special people. So he sent the true message to give us new birth.

You must stop doing anything that is evil. Instead be humble and accept the message that God gave you and you will be saved. Obey the message from God! Don't fool yourselves just by listening to it. Do what the message says.

Religion that makes God the Father happy must be pure and true. You must help poor orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Second Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

God wants us to be his people so he gave us birth
through his message.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

One day the Pharisees and teachers of the law from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples did not wash their hands before eating. The Pharisees and all the Jewish people must wash their hands first before eating. Also the Jewish people buying food from the market must wash them first before eating them. Their cups, bowls and pots, must also be washed before using them.

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why did not your followers wash their hands before eating? Why didn’t they obey the rules that our ancestors taught us in washing before eating?”

Jesus looked and answered, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right in what he said about you.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Church Time

He said, ‘All of you praise me with words but you really do not show love for me. Your worship of me means nothing because you ignore the commandments of God and follow the rules of your teachings.’”

Then Jesus called the people and said to them, “Listen and try to understand. Nothing that goes into a person makes him unclean. Instead things that are in the person make him not clean. That things are evil desires inside their heart can lead the person to do bad things such as:

Evil thoughts	Lust	Stealing
Killing	Adultery	Selfishness
Lying	Jealousy	Slander
Boasting	Foolishness	

All these are bad things. They begin inside of a person and make him dirty.”

The Good News of the Lord

Twenty-Second Sunday in Church Time

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

ISAIAH 35:4-7

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord says, “Tell all the people that are discouraged to be strong and not to be afraid! God will come and save you. He will punish your enemies.”

The blind will see and the deaf will hear. The lame will leap and dance. And all cannot talk will shout for joy.

Water will flow through the desert. The hot sand will become a lake and dry land will be filled with springs.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Third Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, My soul!

People ask God for help are happy.
The Lord supports the oppressed people.
He gives food to hungry people.
The Lord frees the prisoners.

RESPONSE:

The Lord gives sight to blind people.
He helps people in trouble.
He loves good people.
He protects the foreigners.

RESPONSE:

The Lord protects widows and orphans.
He punishes bad people.
The Lord is king forever!
Zion, your God will reign forever and ever.
Praise the Lord!

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter of James

My friends, have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. You must not look at people differently by the way they dress. Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to your meeting and a poor person in torn clothes also comes in. If you show more respect to the rich person and say to him, "Have this best seat here" and say to the poor person, "Stand over there or sit here on the floor", you are guilty of saying that some people are better than others.

My dear friends, pay attention! God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world. He also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to everyone that loves him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God and healed sick people.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 7:31-37

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus left the area of Tyre and went through Sidon to Lake Galilee and into the area of the Ten Towns. Some people brought a man to Jesus. The man was deaf and he could not speak. They begged Jesus to put his hands on the man.

Jesus took the man away from the crowd so they can be alone. Jesus put his fingers in the ear of the deaf man. Then he spat and touched the tongue of the man. He looked up to heaven and with a groan he said to the man, “Ephphatha!” which means “Open up!” At once the man could hear and he was able to speak clearly.

Jesus told the people to keep quiet and not to tell what had happened. But the more he did they keep on talking. The people were amazed and said, “Everything Jesus did is good. He even made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.”

The Good News of the Lord

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

ISAIAH 50:5-9

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord God opened my ears. I have not rebelled. I have not ignored Him.

I let people beat me on my back. They insulted me and I did not stop them. I let them pull the hairs of my beard and spit in my face.

Their insults did not hurt me because the Lord God is with me. I make myself strong to accept their insults. I know that I will not be shamed.

God is near and he will prove me innocent. Who will have courage to charge against me? Let us go to the court together. Let him accuse me. The Lord God will defend me.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Church Time

**RESPONSE: I will walk before the Lord in the land
of the living.**

God brought his people out of Egypt.
He brought them out of the strange land.
The Lord made Judah his holy place.
He ruled over Israel.

RESPONSE:

The Red Sea looked at God and ran away.
The Jordan River stopped flowing.
The mountains skipped like goats.
The hills jumped around like lambs.

RESPONSE:

Sea, what makes you run away?
River, why did you stop flowing?
You, mountains, why do you skip like goats?
You, hills, why do you jump around like lambs?
Lord, who changed the rock into pools of water and
cliffs into flowing springs.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter of James

My friends, what good is it to say you have faith and do nothing to show that you have faith? Can that kind of faith save you?

If you know someone that do not have clothes or have enough to eat, what good is it for you just to say, “God bless you! Keep warm and have plenty to eat!” What good is it for you to say this if you don’t give them help? Faith without doing good deeds is dead!

Suppose someone disagrees and says, “It is possible to have faith and not do good deeds.”

I would answer, “Show me how can anyone have faith and not do good deeds and I will show you that I have faith by doing good deeds.”

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

I will never boast anything except the cross of our Lord. Because of his cross the world is dead to me and I am dead to the world.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 8:27-35

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus and his disciples went to the villages near the town of Caesarea Philippi. On their way Jesus asked his disciples, “The people were talking about me. What do they say about me?”

The disciples answered, “Some people say that you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah and still others one of the prophets.” Then Jesus asked his disciples, “What about you? Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah!” Jesus warned his disciples to keep quiet and not to tell others about me.”

Jesus began to tell his disciples what would happen to him. He said that the chief priests and teachers of the law will reject him. They will make me suffer and kill me.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Church Time

But three days later I will rise to life. Then he explained to them clearly what he meant.

Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. Jesus looked at his disciples and bawled out Peter, “Go away, you Satan! You are thinking like people and not like God.”

Jesus then told the crowd and the disciples to come closer to him. He said, “If any one of you wants to be my follower, you must forget about yourselves. You must take up your cross and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me and for the Good News, you will save it.

The Good News of the Lord

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

WISDOM 2:12,17-20

A Reading from the Scroll of Wisdom

Good people are nothing. They are pain in the neck. So let's look for a way to get rid of them. They are against what we do. They accuse us of breaking the Law of Moses and violating the traditions of our ancestors. They say that they know God and call themselves children of God.

But we will see if that is true. Let's see what will happen when it is time for them to die. If they are really the children of God, God will save them from their enemies. So let us test them and see. We will be mean to them and make them suffer. Then we will find out how much they can accept. We will condemn them to a shameful death. After all they say that God will protect them.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: The Lord upholds my life

Mean people will attack me.
They are trying to kill me.
They don't care about God.
Lord, help me and protect me.

RESPONSE:

You will punish my enemies.
You will protect me from their evil deeds.
Lord, destroy my enemies.

RESPONSE:

I will offer you a sacrifice.
I will praise your name.
You protected me from my enemies.
You have destroyed my enemies.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

JAMES 3:16-4:3

A Reading from the Letter of James

People make trouble and do mean things are jealous or selfish. Wisdom from above makes us holy, friendly, humble, sensible, kind, helpful, true and honest. Peacemakers plant seeds of peace and they will harvest justice.

Why do you fight and argue with each other? It is because your selfish desires control your body? You want something that you don't have and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill but you still cannot get what you want. You still won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. Even if you ask and you did not receive it. Why? It is because you pray just for your selfish desires.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

God called us through the Good News and to share
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 9:30-37

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus and his disciples went through Galilee. He wanted to get away from the people so he can alone with his disciples and explain to them that the son of man would be given to people so they would kill him. But in three days he would rise to life. The disciples did not understand what Jesus was talking about and they were afraid to ask him.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum and into a house. Jesus asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way here?” The disciples did not answer because they were ashamed for arguing among themselves about which one of us was the greatest.

Jesus sat down and called all the 12 disciples. He said, “If you want a place of honor, first you must be a servant and serve others!”

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Church Time

Then Jesus called a child to come up to him and put his arm around the child and said, “When you welcome this child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one that sent me.”

The Good News of the Lord

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

NUMBERS 11:25-29

A Reading from the Scroll of Numbers

The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with Moses. He took some of the Spirit that was on Moses and gave it to the seventy leaders. The spirit came on the leaders and they began to shout like the prophets, but not for long.

Two of the seventy leaders, Eldad and Medad, stayed in the camp. They did not go out to the tent. The Spirit also came on them and they began to shout like prophets. A young man ran to Moses and told him that Eldad and Medad were shouting like the prophets.

Joshua, son of Nun, had been helping Moses since he was a young man. He said to Moses, "Stop them!" Moses answered, "Are you jealous? I wish that the Lord would give his spirit to all his people and make all of them shout like prophets!"

Then Moses and the seventy leaders of Israel went back to the camp.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, your Word gives us life!

The teaching of the Lord is perfect.
His teaching makes people happy.
The laws of the Lord are just.
It gives light to the people.

RESPONSE:

The laws are worth more than the finest gold
They are sweeter than honey.

RESPONSE:

None of us can see our weakness.
Lord, forgive us.
Don't let do wrong on purpose.
Keep us free from evil.

RESPONSE:

Let my words and my thoughts make you happy.
Lord, you are my rock.
Protect me.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter of James

You, rich people, pay attention! Weep and cry! Terrible things will happen to you. Your wealth will be gone. Moths will eat your clothes. Your money will rust and the rust will be evidence against you. It will eat up your body like fire. But you still keep on storing your wealth on the last days. You refused to pay people working in your fields. Look! They are crying out against you. The Lord All-Powerful has heard the cries of the workers harvesting your crops.

Your life here on earth has been full of luxury and pleasure. But now you are like fat cattle on the way to be killed. You have condemned innocent people. They could not fight back.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Lord, your word is truth. Make us holy in you.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 9:38-43,45,47-48

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

John, one of the twelve apostles, went to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we saw a man using your name to force out demons out of people. So we told him to stop because he is not one of us”.

Jesus said, “Don’t stop him. Anyone doing the work in my name is not against me. Anyone not against us is for us. I tell you the truth; if anyone gives you a cup of cold water because you belong to me will certainly get a reward.

It will be terrible if anyone make one of my followers to sin. Those people would be better off thrown into the ocean with a heavy stone tied around his neck. So if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. You would be better off going into life without a hand than to have two hands and be thrown into hell.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Church Time

If your foot causes you to sin, chop it off. You would be better off going into life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

If your eye causes you to sin, get rid of it. You would be better off going into the kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell. The worms that eat you never die and the fire never goes out.”

The Good News of the Lord

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

GENESIS 2:18-24

A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis

God said, "It is not good for a man to live alone. I will make a right companion for him." He took some soil from the ground and made animals and birds. Then he brought them to the man to see if he would name them. That is how they got all the names. The man gave names all the birds and animals but none of them was the right companion for him.

So God made the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man was sleeping, God took out one of his ribs and closed up his side. Then he made a woman from the rib and brought her to him. The man said, "At last this is one of my own kind. The bone is taken from my bone and the flesh from my flesh. Her name is woman because she was taken out of man."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and they became one.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives

Blessed are the people fearing the Lord.
You will eat the fruit of your labor.
All things will be good.

RESPONSE:

Your wife will be like a vine in your home.
Your children will be like olive trees around the table.

RESPONSE:

The man obeys the Lord will be blessed.
May the Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see Jerusalem grow as long as you live.

RESPONSE:

May you live long enough to see your grandchildren.
Let there be peace in Israel.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

We see Jesus. He was made lower than the angels so that through the grace of God he died for all of us. Now he is crowned with glory and honor because of the death he suffered.

Everything belongs to God. God did the right thing. He created all things by his power. He made Jesus perfect through suffering in order to bring many children to share his glory. Jesus is the one that leads them to salvation.

Jesus took sins of the people and made them clean. That is why he is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

If we love one another, God lives in us. His love
is really in our hearts.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 10:2-16

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

(Short Form---Read in Black)

A group of Pharisees came up to Jesus with a question. They were trying to trap him. So they asked him if it is okay for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus answered, “What did Moses say about that?”

The Pharisees answered, “Moses said a man can write out a divorce paper and send his wife away”. Jesus replied, “Moses said that because your heart is hard. In the beginning God made a man and a woman. For that reason a man leaves his father and mother and gets married. He becomes one person with his wife. They are no more two people but one. No one can separate them what God had joined them”.

Jesus and his disciples went into the house. They asked him what he meant.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Church Time

Jesus said, “A man divorces his wife and marries another woman is not faithful to his wife. Also a woman divorces her husband and marries another man is not faithful to her husband”.

Some people brought their children to Jesus so he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to leave Jesus alone.

Jesus heard that and he became angry. He said, “Let the children come to me! Don’t try to stop them. People like the little children belong to the kingdom of God. I tell you that you cannot get into the kingdom of God if you do not accept the way a child does.” Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them.

The Good News of the Lord

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Church Time

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

WISDOM 7:7-11

A Reading from the Scroll of Wisdom

I realize that I am only human. I prayed and God gave me understanding. The Spirit of Wisdom came to me. I looked at Wisdom as more highly than any throne or crown. Wealth is nothing as compared with Wisdom. Precious jewelry could not be equal in worth with Wisdom. As compared with Wisdom all the gold in the world is like a handful of sand and silver is nothing more than clay. I value Wisdom more than health and even good looks. Wisdom is the brightness that never becomes dim. I prefer Wisdom than any other light.

Wisdom came to me and all good things came with her. She gave me all the riches that I can't count.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, fill us with your love and we will
sing for joy

Teach us to use wisely all the time we have.
Lord, help us!
Don't wait! Have mercy on your servants!

RESPONSE:

Fill us each morning with your constant love.
So we can sing and be glad all our life.
Give us as much happiness as the sadness you gave us.

RESPONSE:

Let us, your servants, see your mighty deeds.
Show your mighty power to our children.
Lord our God, may your blessings be with us.
Give us the success in all we do

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

What God said is not only alive and active! What he said is sharper than any double-edged sword. His words can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and heart until it finds out the desires and thoughts of our hearts. Nothing is hidden from God! He sees through everything and we will have to tell him the truth.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Blessed are the people poor in spirit. The kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 10:17-30

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus was walking down a road. A man ran up to Jesus and kneeling before him asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments.

1-Do not kill. 2-Do not commit adultery.
3-Do not steal. 4-Do not tell lies about others.
5-Do not cheat. 6-Respect your father and mother.”

The man answered, “Teacher, I have already obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

Jesus looked at the man with love and said, “There is one thing you still need to know. Go and sell everything you have. Give the money to the poor and you will have wealth in Heaven. Then come with me.”

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Church Time

The man heard what Jesus said he went away sad because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “It is hard for rich people to get into the kingdom of God.” The disciples were shocked to hear that. So Jesus told them again, “It is much harder for rich people to get into the kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.”

The disciples were even more amazed so they asked each other, “How can anyone ever be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “There is something that people cannot do, but God can do anything.”

Peter replied, “Remember, we left everything to go with you.” Jesus said to Peter, “You can be sure that anyone that gives up home or brothers or sisters or Mother or father or children or land for me and for the Good News will receive more than what they left. They will get more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and lands and still be insulted. But they will have eternal life.”

The Good News of the Lord

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Church Time

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

ISAIAH 53:10-11

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord says, “It is my will that he should suffer. His death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness so he will see his descendants. He will live a long life and through him my purpose will succeed.

After a life of suffering he will have joy. He will know that he did not suffer for nothing. My devoted servant with whom I am contended will accept the punishment of many. For his sake I will forgive them.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSE: Lord, show us your great love.

The words of the Lord are true.
We depend on everything he does!
The Lord loves what is right and fair;
His constant love fills the earth.

RESPONSE:

The Lord watches over the people that obey him.
His great love protects the people that worship him.
He saves them from death.
He gives them strength when they are hungry.

RESPONSE:

We will wait for the Lord.
He is our protector and our help.
Lord, may your love remain with us.
Show us your great love for us.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

HEBREWS 4:14-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

We have a high priest. He went up to live with God in heaven. He is Jesus, the Son of God.

Let us continue to be strong in faith. Jesus, the high priest, can understand our weakness. Jesus was on earth and he was tempted in every way. He was tempted in the same ways as we are tempted, but he never sinned. With Jesus we can feel free to come before God. He will forgive us. That is how we get mercy and kindness we need.

The Word of the Lord

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life
as a ransom for many.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 10:35-45

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Two brothers, John and James, sons of Zebedee came to Jesus and asked him for a favor. They said to him, “Teacher, will you do a favor for us?”

Jesus asked them, “What do you want me to do for you?” They answered, “When you come into your glory, please let us sit with you; one on your right and the other on your left.”

Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink from the cup that I will have to drink? Can you be baptized in the way that I must be baptized?” John and James replied, “Yes, we can!”

Then Jesus said, “You will drink from the cup from that I will drink. And you will be baptized in the way I must be baptized.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Church Time

But it is not for me to decide. That is for God to decide.”

The ten other disciples heard this and they became angry with John and James. So Jesus called the disciples together and said, “You know that people think of themselves as kings. They like to tell people what to do to show that they have power over them. Don’t be like them. If you want to be great, you must be servant to others. And if you want to be first, you must be slave for others. The Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.”

The Good News of the Lord

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Church Time

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

JEREMIAH 31:7-9

A Reading from the Scroll of Jeremiah

The Lord says, “Sing with joy for Israel, the greatest of all nations. Sing your song of praise ‘The Lord has saved his people. He has rescued all people left over from Israel.’

I will bring them from the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. The blind and the lame will come. Pregnant women and those about to give birth will come back. They will come back as a great nation.

My people will come back weeping, praying as I lead them back home. I will guide them to streams of water, on a smooth road so they will not fall. I am like a father to Israel and Ephraim is my oldest son.”

The Word of the Lord

Thirtieth Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us.
We are filled with joy.

The Lord freed us.
It was like a dream!
We laughed and sang.
People in other countries said,
“The Lord did wonderful things for his people!”

RESPONSE:

The Lord freed us.
So we celebrated.
The Lord did wonderful things for us!
We are happy!

RESPONSE:

Lord, bless our people.
Let us be like rivers in the desert.
We cried as we went out to plant seeds.
Now let us celebrate as we bring in the harvest.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

HEBREWS 5:1-6

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest is chosen to help people by offering gifts and sacrifices to God because of their sins. Since a high priest is weak in many ways, he feels sorry for the people that are foolish and make mistakes. That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins and for sins of the people. But no one can have the honor of being high priest by wanting to be one. Only God can choose a priest. He is the one and he chose Aaron.

That is how it was with Christ. He became a high priest not just because he wanted the honor for himself. It was God. He told him, "You are my Son because today I have become your Father!" He also said in another place, "You are priest forever just like Melchizedek."

The Word of the Lord

Thirtieth Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death. He gave light through the Good News.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 10:46-52

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho. A large crowd was following them. A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. He heard Jesus walking by and he shouted, “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!”

The people told him to shut up. But he shouted louder, “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus heard the blind man shouting. He stopped and said, “Tell him to come over.”

The people said to the blind man, “Get up and don’t be afraid. Jesus is calling for you.” The blind man jumped up and took off his cloak and ran to Jesus.

Thirtieth Sunday in Church Time

Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”
The blind man answered, “Teacher, I want to see!”
Jesus said, “Go! Your faith has healed you.” At once
he could see and he went with Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6

A Reading from the Scroll of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people. He said, “As long as you live you and your descendants are to honor the Lord your God and obey all the laws that I will give you. You will live in that land a long time. Listen to the people of Israel and obey them! All will be good with you. You will become mighty people and live in that rich fertile land that the Lord, the God of our ancestor has promised.

Israel, remember this! The Lord and the Lord alone is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. Never forget these commands I am giving you today.”

The Word of the Lord

Thirty-First Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Lord, I love you. You made me strong.

Lord, you are my savior.
You are my protector.
I am safe with him.
He protects me like a shield.

RESPONSE:

Lord, I praise you.
I prayed and you rescued me from my enemies
Praise the Lord.

RESPONSE:

You protected me from my enemies.
You gave me power over people

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

There were many priests but all of them died. Jesus will never die and he will be priest forever. He is able to save people and lead them to God because he is always alive to speak to God for the people.

Jesus is the high priest and we need him. He is holy, innocent and without fault. He is not like us sinners. Jesus is above all people and is better than any other high priest. Jesus does not need to offer sacrifices each day for his own sins and for the sins of the people. He in his giving up his life offered sacrifice once for all. The Lord appoints priests and they have weaknesses. But God made promise that came with the Law. He appoints his Son, Jesus and he is the perfect high priest forever.

The Word of the Lord

Thirty-First Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Jesus said, “Anyone loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 12:28-34

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

One of the teachers of the Law heard Jesus arguing with the Sadducees came up to Jesus and asked him, “Of all the commandments which one is the most important?”

Jesus answered, “The most important is people of Israel you have only one Lord and God. You must love him with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is more important than the first two.

The man replied, “Teacher, you are right. God is one and there is no other one but him. To love God with all our heart, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Thirty-First Sunday in Church Time

Jesus saw that the man had answered wisely. So he said to him, “You are not far away from the kingdom of God.” From on no one dared to ask Jesus any more questions.

The Good News of the Lord

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

1 KINGS 17:10-16

A Reading from the First Scroll of Kings

Elijah, the prophet, went to Zarephath and into the gate of the town. He saw a widow gathering wood. He said to her, "Get me a drink of water. The woman left to get the water. Elijah then shouted out, "Also please bring me some bread."

The woman said, "As the Lord your God lives I do not have bread but I have only a handful of flour and a little oil. I am gathering some wood to take home and make a meal for my son and myself. Then we will starve to death."

Elijah said to her, "Don't worry. Go home and prepare your meal. But first make a small loaf of bread and bring it to me. Then you can prepare a meal for yourself and your son. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says, 'The jar of flour will not run out and the jug of oil will not be gone until the day the Lord sends rain.'"

The woman left and did what Elijah told her. They were able to eat for a year. The jar of flour and the jug of oil did not run out as the Lord promised through Elijah

The Word of the Lord

Thirty-Second Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, My soul!

The Lord always keeps his promises.
He gives justice to the poor.
He frees the prisoners.
He heals blind people.

RESPONSE:

The Lord gives sight to the blind.
He helps people in trouble.
He loves good people.
He watches over the strangers.

RESPONSE:

The Lord protects widows and orphans.
He destroys bad people.
The Lord is king forever!
Zion, your God will reign forever.
Praise the Lord!

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not go into a Holy Place made by humans. The Holy Place was only a copy of the real one. Instead he went into heaven and is now with God to help us

Christ did not have to offer himself again and again like a high priest that goes into the most holy place every year to offer the blood that is not his. If he had offered himself every year, he would have suffered many times since the creation of the world. Instead near the end of time he offered himself once and for all so that he could be a sacrifice to take away sins.

We die only once and then we are judged. Christ died only once to take away the sins of many people. But he will come again not to take away sin but to save everyone waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Blessed are the poor. The kingdom of heaven will be theirs.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 12:38-44

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark
(Short Form---Read in black)

Jesus was teaching in the temple. He said, “Watch out for the teachers of the Law! They like to walk around in long robes and for the people to show them respect in the markets. They like to sit in the best seats in the synagogue and places of honor at banquets. They take advantages of widows and take away their homes. They like to show off with long prayers. I tell you that their punishment will be worse.”

Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box. He was watching people putting money in the box. Many rich people dropped in a lot of money. A poor widow came up and put in two small coins that were worth only a few cents.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Church Time

He called his disciples together and said to them, “I tell you that this poor widow put more in the box than all the others. All the others put in what they don’t need. But the widow is very poor and she gave all she has. Now she has nothing to live on.”

The Good News of the Lord

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN CHURCH TIME

First Reading

DANIEL 12:1-3

A Reading from the Scroll of Daniel

At that time the great prince Michael, guardian of your people, will appear. The time of troubles, the worst since nations first created, will happen. The names of all people of your nation that are written in the book of God will be saved. Many of those people that have died will live again. Some will enjoy eternal life and some will suffer eternal shame. The wise leaders will shine with all the brightness of the sky. Those taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord

Thirty-Third Sunday in Church Time

RESPONSE: You gave me wonderful things!

Lord, you are all I want!
You give me all I need.
You protect me.

RESPONSE:

Lord, I am always aware of your presence.
You are always with me.
You protect me from fear.

RESPONSE:

With all my heart I will celebrate.
I can rest safely.
I am your chosen one.
You won't leave me in the grave.
You won't let my body break down.

RESPONSE:

You have shown me the way to life.
Your staying with me made me glad.
Your help gives me joy.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

HEBREWS 10:11-14,18

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The priests do their work every day. They keep on offering sacrifices that can never take away sins. But Christ offered himself as a sacrifice. His sacrifice is good forever. He is now sitting at the right side of God. He will stay there until his enemies are put under his power. By his one sacrifice he freed the people from sin and brings them to God.

Once the sins are forgiven there is no more need to offer sacrifices.

The Word of the Lord

Thirty-Third Sunday in Church Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Watch out and keep on praying that you will have strength to face before the Son of Man.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 13:24-32

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus said to his disciples, “Soon after the time of suffering the sun will become dark and the moon will fade. The stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the sky will be gone.”

The Son of Man will appear in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send his angels to gather people already chosen from all over the earth.

See a fig tree. Let it be a lesson for you. Soon the branches become green and the leaves begin to sprout, you will know that summer will begin soon. When that happens, you will know that the Son of Man will come soon. You will know for sure that some people living today will still be alive. The sky and the earth will not last forever but my words will stay forever.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Church Time

No one knows the day or the time it will happen. The angels in heaven do not know and the Son himself does not know. Only the Father knows.

The Good News of the Lord

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

First Reading

DANIEL 7:13-14

A Reading from the Scroll of Daniel

During the night in my vision I saw a person like a son of man coming to me on the clouds of heaven. He was led to into the presence of God and was given authority, honor and power so that all people of different countries, races and languages would serve him.

His authority would last forever and his kingdom would never end.

The Word of the Lord

Feast of Christ the King

RESPONSE: The Lord is king in fancy clothes.

The Lord is king!
He rules with power and strength.
He sets the world firmly in place.

RESPONSE:

The Lord is king!
He always rules with power.
His power is eternal.

RESPONSE:

His laws are eternal.
His temple is holy forever and ever.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

REVELATION 1:5-8

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

May grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, be with you.

Jesus was the first to overcome death. He is the ruler of all earthly kings. Christ loves us and by his blood he freed us from our sins.

He let us rule as kings and serve God his Father as priests. To him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds. Everyone will see him even the people that pierce him with a sword. All people on earth will weep because of him. Yes, it will happen! Amen.

The Lord God says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the one who is and who was and who will come. I am God All-Powerful!"

The Word of the Lord

Feast of Christ the King

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the kingdom of David that will come.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 18:33-37

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “Are you saying this on your own or did someone tell you about me?”

Pilate said, “You know that I am not a Jew. Your people and chief priests brought you to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not here in this world. If my kingdom is here in this world, my followers would have fought to protect me and would not let the Jewish leaders bring me over to you. My kingdom is not here in this world.”

Feast of Christ the King

Pontius Pilate responded, “Then you are the king.” Jesus then said to Pilate, “You are saying that I am a king. I was born into this world to tell people about the truth. Everyone belongs to the truth knows my voice.”

The Good News of the Lord

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First Reading

REVELATION 11:19;12:1-6,10

A Reading from the Scroll of Revelation

The door to the temple of God opened and the ark of covenant could be seen inside the temple. Then a great and wonderful sign appeared in the sky: a woman appeared clothed in the sun standing on the moon. A crown with twelve stars was on her head. She was giving birth and was in great pain.

Another sign appeared in the sky. It was a huge red dragon with seven heads and ten horns. A crown was on each of his heads. The dragon pulled one third of the stars from the sky with his tail and threw them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood in front of the woman waiting to eat the baby as soon as it was born.

The woman gave birth to a son that would rule the world with the iron rod. God snatched the baby away and put him on his throne. The woman escaped into the desert, a place that God prepared for her.

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, “God has won! He has shown his power. The chosen one of God has shown his authority.”

The Word of the Lord

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RESPONSE: The queen stands at the right side of
the throne.

Listen to me carefully, daughter.
Listen carefully and you will understand.
Forget your people and the family of your father.

RESPONSE:

The king is your husband.
So you must obey him.

RESPONSE:

The people of Tyre will bring you gifts.
Rich people try to win your favor.

RESPONSE:

You, my king, will have many sons to take place of your
ancestors.
You will make them the rulers over the whole earth.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “Christ has been raised from death as the guarantee that the people will be raised from death. Death happened because of one man, Adam. In the same way the resurrection from the dead will happen to people because of one man, Christ.

In Adam all of us die. In Christ all of us will be raised to life. First Christ was raised from the dead. Then Christ will come and all the believers will be raised from death. At the end Christ will destroy all rulers, authorities and powers. Then he will give the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must rule as king and he will put down all his enemies. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. God will put all things under control of Christ. All things will be under control of Christ. He, the Son, will put himself under the control of God. Then God will rule over all.”

The Word of the Lord

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Mary went up into heaven. All the angels rejoiced.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

LUKE 1:39-56

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

Mary left Nazareth and went into a town in the hill country of Judea to visit Elizabeth. She went into the house of Zechariah. Elizabeth heard Mary coming in and the baby in her womb jumped. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and shouted with joy, “Of all women you are the most blessed. He has blessed the baby you will have. Why you, mother of my Lord, come to visit me. I heard your voice and the baby in my womb jumped with joy. You are blessed because you believed what God said to you. That is why he has given you his special blessing.”

Mary sang, “With all my heart I praise the Lord. I am glad because God is my savior. He remembered me, his humble servant. From now on all people will call me happy because of the wonderful things God has done for me. His name is holy.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

He shows mercy to everyone that worships him. The Lord used his powerful arm to condemn the proud people. He threw the rulers out from their thrones and gave humble people power. He gave hungry people good things to eat and sent the rich people away with nothing in their hands. He helps his servant Israel and is always merciful to his people. He kept the promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family forever!”

Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth. Then she went back home.

The Good News of the Lord

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

First Reading

REVELATION 7:2-4,9-14

A Reading from the Scroll of Revelation

John said, “I saw another angel coming up from the east with the seal of the living God. God had given four angels power to destroy the earth and the sea. The angel shouted in a loud voice to the four angels, ‘Do not damage the earth, the sea or the trees until we mark the servants of God with a seal on their foreheads.’ Then I heard the number of those sealed: 144,000. They were from the twelve tribes of Israel.

Then I looked and there were many people, too many to be counted. They were from different countries. They stood in front of the throne, in front of the Lamb wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. The people shouted, ‘Victory to our God sitting on the throne and to the Lamb.’ All the angels stood around the throne kneeling with their faces on the ground. The elders and the four living creatures kneeled with the angels and worshipped God.

All Saints

They said, ‘Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and wonders belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!’

One of the elders asked me, ‘Who are these people in the white robes? Where do they come from?’ I answered, ‘I do not know. You tell me.’ These are the people that suffered terribly, they endured (went through with patience) the persecution (terrible suffering). They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb.”

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSE: The saints are the people that follow God

Everything in the world belongs to the Lord.
The world and people in the world belong to him.
Who can climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who can stand in his Holy Temple?

RESPONSE:

The Lord will bless the people and save them.
The Lord will reward them because they worship and
serve the God of Jacob.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 JOHN 3:1-3

A Reading from the First Letter of John

God, the Father, loves us so much so he made us his children. We are really children of God! The world refused to believe God because they do not understand that we are children of God.

Dear friends, now we are children of God. But we do not know yet what will happen to us in the future.

But we know that Christ will come again and we will be like him, because we will see him as he really is. Any person that really believes in Christ will try to stay holy because Christ is holy.

The Word of the Lord

All Saints

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord says, “Come all of you tired. I will give you rest.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 5:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Jesus saw the crowds so he went up the mountain and sat down. His disciples gathered around him and Jesus began to teach. He said, “People that are poor in spirit will be blessed. They belong to the kingdom of God.”

“People that are grieved will be blessed. God will comfort them.”

“People that are humble will be blessed. The earth will be theirs.”

“People wanting obey God more than they want to eat or drink will be blessed. They will be given what they want.”

“People showing mercy will be blessed. God will show them his mercy.”

All Saints

“People with pure hearts will be blessed. They will see God.”

“People making peace will be blessed. They will be called children of God.”

“People that are hurt for doing right will be blessed. The kingdom of heaven will be theirs.”

“People hurt you or tell all kinds of lies about you because you are my follower. Be happy and be glad! You will have a great reward in heaven.”

“People did the same thing to the prophets years ago.”

The Good News of the Lord