

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord said:

“Ezekiel, you are a mere human,
but I have chosen you to be a watchman for the people
of Israel.

So listen to what I say
and then warn them for me.

“When I tell evil people that they will die
because of their sins,
you must try to make them turn from their evil ways.
If you don’t warn them,
you are responsible for what happens to them.
If you do warn them to turn from their evil ways, and they don’t,
then they will die.
But you won’t be responsible.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7abcd, 7e–9

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

*Sing joyful songs to the LORD!
Praise the mighty rock
where we are safe.
Come to worship him
with thankful hearts
and songs of praise.*

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

*Bow down and worship
the LORD our Creator!
The LORD is our God,
and we are his people,
the sheep he takes care of
in his own pasture.*

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

*Listen to God's voice today!
Don't be stubborn and rebel
as your ancestors did
at Meribah and at Massah
out in the desert.
For forty years
they tested God and saw
the things he did.*

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING
Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:
Let love be your only debt!
If you love others,
you have done all that the Law demands.

In the Law there are many commands, such as,

“Be faithful in marriage.
Do not murder. Do not steal.
Do not want what belongs to others.”

But all of these are summed up in the command that says,
“Love others as much as you love yourself.”
No one who loves others will harm them.

So love is all that the Law demands.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL
Matthew 18:15-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:
"If one of my followers sins against you,
go and point out what was wrong.
But do it in private,
just between the two of you.
If that person listens,
you have won back a follower.
But if that one refuses to listen,
take along one or two others.

"The Scriptures teach that every complaint must be proven true
by two or more witnesses.
If the follower refuses to listen to them,
report the matter to the church.

"Anyone who refuses to listen to the church
must be treated like an unbeliever or a tax collector."

The Gospel of the Lord.