

FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-8a

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

When we told you the good news,
it was with the power and assurance
that come from the Holy Spirit,
and not simply with words.

You knew what kind of people we were and how we helped you.
So, when you accepted the message,
you followed our example and the example of the Lord.
You suffered, but the Holy Spirit made you glad.

You became an example for all the Lord's followers
in Macedonia and Achaia.
And because of you,
the Lord's message has spread everywhere in those regions.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:1-2, 46 & 50ce

All: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

*I love you, LORD God,
and you make me strong.
You are my mighty rock,
my fortress, my protector,
the rock where I am safe,
my shield, my powerful weapon,
and my place of shelter.*

All: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

*You are the living LORD!
I will praise you.
You are a mighty rock.
I will honor you
for keeping me safe.
Your faithful love for David
will never end.*

All: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

GOSPEL
Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had made the Sadducees look foolish,
the Pharisees heard about it and got together.
One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law.
So he tried to test Jesus by asking,
“Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?”

Jesus answered:
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind!
This is the first and most important commandment.
The second most important commandment is like this one.
And it is, ‘Love others as much as you love yourself.’
All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets
are based on these two commandments.”

The Gospel of the Lord.