

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 14:23

℟. Alleluia, alleluia.

℣. Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **℟.**

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 22:34–40

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together, and one of them,
a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,
“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him,

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON CF. PSALM 20(19):6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

or
EPHESIANS 5:2
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

We recall that Jesus' teachings were rooted in Mosaic Law and the prophets. Yet he emphasized or combined aspects of each that made them seem to come alive, or to be read and understood in a new way. It's certainly true that loving God and loving one's neighbor were commandments in Mosaic Law. But who had ever combined them like this before? All of our actions ought to flow from this twofold love. Loving God and loving neighbor go together, and they cannot be reduced one to the other or one over the other.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON CF. PSALM 105[104]:3–4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
 increase our faith, hope and charity,
 and make us love what you command,
 so that we may merit what you promise.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING I

L 148-A · EXODUS 22:20-26

A reading from the Book of Exodus

If you wrong the widow and the orphan, my wrath will flare up against you.

Thus says the LORD:

“You shall not molest or oppress an alien,
 for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.
 You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
 If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
 I will surely hear their cry.
 My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
 then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.
 “If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people,
 you shall not act like an extortioner toward him
 by demanding interest from him.
 If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge,
 you shall return it to him before sunset;
 for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body.
 What else has he to sleep in?
 If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

℟. (2) **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
 O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. ℟.

My God, my rock of refuge,
 my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
 Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
 and I am safe from my enemies. ℟.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
 and showed kindness to your anointed. ℟.

READING II

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven.

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake.
 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,
 receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit,
 so that you became a model for all the believers
 in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
 not only in Macedonia and in Achaia,
 but in every place your faith in God has gone forth,
 so that we have no need to say anything.

For they themselves openly declare about us
 what sort of reception we had among you,
 and how you turned to God from idols
 to serve the living and true God
 and to await his Son from heaven,
 whom he raised from the dead,
 Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**