

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES [3: 1 - 8]

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and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord

First Reading

Lector: _____

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES [3:1-12]

Ecclesiastes 3 - A Time for Everything

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What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING

Lector: M. Carraro

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes [3: 1-12]

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from the beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life.

The Word of the Lord

Wisdom 4 7-14

Wisdom [4:7-14]

But the righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved,
living among sinners, was transported—

Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take that consideration into account.
The word of the Lord

Lector: _____

A reading from the book of the prophet Isiah [25: 6a, 7-9]

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the Lord for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING

Lector: _____

A reading from the Book of Job [19: 1, 23-27]

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

 Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead

 they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

 and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

 my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

 My inmost being is consumed with longing.

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The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING - Lamentations [3:17-26]

Lector: _____

A Reading from the book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;

I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;

Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.

But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;

They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.

My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;

It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Lector: _____

A reading from the book Wisdom (3:1-6, 9)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord

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Reading from the Book of Wisdom [3:1-9]

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As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

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and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

IPs 231

R The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. R

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage. R

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. R

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come. R

Responsorial Psalm [25]

Lector: _____

℟ To You, O Lord, I lift my soul

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. ℟

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. ℟

Preserve my life, and rescue me;

let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Let integrity and uprightness preerve me,
because I wait for you, O Lord. ℟

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [103]

Lector: _____

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
 slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does He deal with us,
 Nor does He requite us according to our crimes. **R.**

2. As a father has compassion on His children,
 So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him,
For He knows how we are formed;
 He remembers that we are dust. **R.**

3. Man's days are like those of grass;
 Like a flower of the field He blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
 and his place knows him no more. **R.**

4. But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity
 to eternity towards those who fear Him,
And His justice toward children's children
 among those who keep his covenant
 and remember to fulfill His precepts. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm 103

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and remember to fulfill His precepts. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM -**
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Responsorial Psalm 121

·R My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth. R

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
where does my help come from? R

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep. R

The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night. R

The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore. R

RESPOSORIAL PSALM [139]

Lector: _____

RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KIND MERCIFUL

(sung)

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
Nor does he requite us according to our crimes (Response)

As a father has compassion on his children,
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,
For He knows how we are formed;
He remembers that we are dust (Response)

Man's days are like those of grass;
like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
And his place knows him no more (Response)

But the kindness of the lord is from eternity to eternity toward
those who fear Him,
And his justice toward's children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts. (Response)

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SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [6:3-9]

Lector: _____

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

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The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Lector: _____

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans [14: 7-9, 10B-12]

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both
the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of God;

for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,

And every tongue shall give an account to himself to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

Lector:

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS
[13:1-6]

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Lector: _____

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians [4:14; 5:1]

Brothers and Sisters:

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

All this is for your benefit, so that grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we must not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

Lector 2: _____

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [5:1, 6-10]

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in Heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please Him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

Amen

Second Reading

Lector: _____

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN [3:1-2]

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him., for we shall see Him as He is.

The Word of the Lord

Lector: _____

Psalm 139

For the leader. A psalm of David.

Lord, you have probed me, you know me:

you know when I sit and stand;

you understand my thoughts from afar.

You sift through my travels and my rest;

with all my ways you are familiar.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

Lord, you know it all.

Behind and before you encircle me

and rest your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

far too lofty for me to reach.

Where can I go from your spirit?

from your presence, where can I flee?

If I ascend to the heavens, you are there;

if I lie down in Sheol, there you are.

If I take the wings of dawn

and dwell beyond the sea,

Even there your hand guides me,

your right hand holds me fast.

If I say, "Surely darkness shall hide me,

and night shall be my light."

Darkness is not dark for you

and night shines as the day.

Darkness and light are but one.

You formed my inmost being;

 you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;

 wonderful are your works!

 My very self you know.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING - Revelation [14:13]

Lector 2: _____

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

Lector 2: _____

A Reading from the book of Revelation [21:1-5a, 6b-7]

I saw Heaven and a new Earth. The former Heaven and the former Earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

Lector: _____

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS [5:17-21]

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

Lector: _____

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS [8:31b-35, 37-39]

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Lector: Adrienne Wood

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans [14: 7-9, 10B-12]

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so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both
the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of God;

for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,

And every tongue shall give an account to himself to God.”

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [14:7-9, 10b-12]

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So then, each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians [4:13-18]

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord