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*SUNDAY*

Reading 1 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death,  
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.  
For he fashioned all things that they might have being;  
and the creatures of the world are wholesome,  
and there is not a destructive drug among them  
nor any domain of the netherworld on earth,  
for justice is undying.

For God formed man to be imperishable;  
the image of his own nature he made him.  
But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world,  
and they who belong to his company experience it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

R. (2a) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;

O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

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Reading 2 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Brothers and sisters:

As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse,  
knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you,  
may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.  
Not that others should have relief while you are burdened,  
but that as a matter of equality  
your abundance at the present time should supply their needs,  
so that their abundance may also supply your needs,  
that there may be equality.

As it is written:

*Whoever had much did not have more,  
and whoever had little did not have less.*

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Alleluia Cf. 2 Tm 1:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death  
and brought life to light through the Gospel.

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Gospel Mk 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat  
to the other side,  
a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea.  
One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward.  
Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying,  
“My daughter is at the point of death.  
Please, come lay your hands on her  
that she may get well and live.”  
He went off with him,  
and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.  
She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors  
and had spent all that she had.  
Yet she was not helped but only grew worse.  
She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd  
and touched his cloak.  
She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.”  
Immediately her flow of blood dried up.  
She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.  
Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him,  
turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?”  
But his disciples said to Jesus,  
“You see how the crowd is pressing upon you,  
and yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’”  
And he looked around to see who had done it.  
The woman, realizing what had happened to her,  
approached in fear and trembling.  
She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.  
He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you.  
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

While he was still speaking,  
people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said,  
“Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?”  
Disregarding the message that was reported,  
Jesus said to the synagogue official,  
“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”  
He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside  
except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.  
When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official,  
he caught sight of a commotion,  
people weeping and wailing loudly.

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So he went in and said to them,  
“Why this commotion and weeping?  
The child is not dead but asleep.”  
And they ridiculed him.  
Then he put them all out.  
He took along the child’s father and mother  
and those who were with him  
and entered the room where the child was.  
He took the child by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum*,”  
which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”  
The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.  
At that they were utterly astounded.  
He gave strict orders that no one should know this  
and said that she should be given something to eat.  
Or Mk 5:21-24, 35b-43

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*MONDAY*

Reading 1 Acts 12:1-11

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them.

He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword,  
and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews  
he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

—It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.—

He had him taken into custody and put in prison  
under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.  
He intended to bring him before the people after Passover.  
Peter thus was being kept in prison,  
but prayer by the Church was fervently being made  
to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial,  
Peter, secured by double chains,  
was sleeping between two soldiers,  
while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison.  
Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him  
and a light shone in the cell.  
He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying,  
“Get up quickly.”  
The chains fell from his wrists.  
The angel said to him, “Put on your belt and your sandals.”  
He did so.  
Then he said to him, “Put on your cloak and follow me.”  
So he followed him out,  
not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real;  
he thought he was seeing a vision.  
They passed the first guard, then the second,  
and came to the iron gate leading out to the city,  
which opened for them by itself.  
They emerged and made their way down an alley,  
and suddenly the angel left him.  
Then Peter recovered his senses and said,  
“Now I know for certain  
that the Lord sent his angel  
and rescued me from the hand of Herod  
and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting.”

Responsorial Psalm PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (5) The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.  
I will bless the LORD at all times;

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his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Glorify the LORD with me,

let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,

and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,

and from all his distress he saved him.

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

The angel of the LORD encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is;

blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Reading 2 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation,

and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;

I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,

which the Lord, the just judge,

will award to me on that day, and not only to me,

but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,

so that through me the proclamation might be completed

and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat

and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Mt 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi

he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,

still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter said in reply,

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“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my Church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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*TUESDAY*

Reading 1 Gn 19:15-29

As dawn was breaking, the angels urged Lot on, saying, “On your way!

Take with you your wife and your two daughters who are here,  
or you will be swept away in the punishment of Sodom.”

When he hesitated, the men, by the LORD’s mercy,  
seized his hand and the hands of his wife and his two daughters  
and led them to safety outside the city.

As soon as they had been brought outside, he was told:

“Flee for your life!

Don’t look back or stop anywhere on the Plain.

Get off to the hills at once, or you will be swept away.”

“Oh, no, my lord!” Lot replied,

“You have already thought enough of your servant  
to do me the great kindness of intervening to save my life.

But I cannot flee to the hills to keep the disaster from overtaking me,  
and so I shall die.

Look, this town ahead is near enough to escape to.

It’s only a small place.

Let me flee there—it’s a small place, is it not?—  
that my life may be saved.”

“Well, then,” he replied,

“I will also grant you the favor you now ask.

I will not overthrow the town you speak of.

Hurry, escape there!

I cannot do anything until you arrive there.”

That is why the town is called Zoar.

The sun was just rising over the earth as Lot arrived in Zoar;  
at the same time the LORD rained down sulphurous fire  
upon Sodom and Gomorrah  
from the LORD out of heaven.

He overthrew those cities and the whole Plain,  
together with the inhabitants of the cities  
and the produce of the soil.

But Lot’s wife looked back, and she was turned into a pillar of salt.

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Early the next morning Abraham went to the place  
where he had stood in the LORD's presence.  
As he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah  
and the whole region of the Plain,  
he saw dense smoke over the land rising like fumes from a furnace.

Thus it came to pass: when God destroyed the Cities of the Plain,  
he was mindful of Abraham by sending Lot away from the upheaval  
by which God overthrew the cities where Lot had been living.

Responsorial Psalm PS 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12

R. (3a) O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.

Search me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my soul and my heart.

For your mercy is before my eyes,  
and I walk in your truth.

R. O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.

Gather not my soul with those of sinners,  
nor with men of blood my life.

On their hands are crimes,  
and their right hands are full of bribes.

R. O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.

But I walk in integrity;  
redeem me, and have mercy on me.

My foot stands on level ground;  
in the assemblies I will bless the LORD.

R. O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.

Alleluia Ps 130:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 8:23-27

As Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him.

Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea,  
so that the boat was being swamped by waves;  
but he was asleep.

They came and woke him, saying,  
"Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"

Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea,  
and there was great calm.

The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this,  
whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

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WEDNESDAY

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Reading 1 Gn 21:5, 8-20a

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.  
Isaac grew, and on the day of the child's weaning  
Abraham held a great feast.

Sarah noticed the son whom Hagar the Egyptian  
had borne to Abraham  
playing with her son Isaac;  
so she demanded of Abraham:  
"Drive out that slave and her son!  
No son of that slave is going to share the inheritance  
with my son Isaac!"  
Abraham was greatly distressed,  
especially on account of his son Ishmael.  
But God said to Abraham: "Do not be distressed about the boy  
or about your slave woman.  
Heed the demands of Sarah, no matter what she is asking of you;  
for it is through Isaac that descendants shall bear your name.  
As for the son of the slave woman,  
I will make a great nation of him also,  
since he too is your offspring."

Early the next morning Abraham got some bread and a skin of water  
and gave them to Hagar.  
Then, placing the child on her back, he sent her away.  
As she roamed aimlessly in the wilderness of Beer-sheba,  
the water in the skin was used up.  
So she put the child down under a shrub,  
and then went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away;  
for she said to herself, "Let me not watch to see the child die."  
As she sat opposite Ishmael, he began to cry.  
God heard the boy's cry,  
and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven:  
"What is the matter, Hagar?  
Don't be afraid; God has heard the boy's cry in this plight of his.  
Arise, lift up the boy and hold him by the hand;  
for I will make of him a great nation."  
Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water.  
She went and filled the skin with water, and then let the boy drink.

God was with the boy as he grew up.  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
Fear the LORD, you his holy ones,



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for nought is lacking to those who fear him.

The great grow poor and hungry;

but those who seek the LORD want for no good thing.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Come, children, hear me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life,

and takes delight in prosperous days?

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Alleluia Jas 1:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth

that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 8:28-34

When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes,

two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him.

They were so savage that no one could travel by that road.

They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God?

Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?"

Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding.

The demons pleaded with him,

"If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine."

And he said to them, "Go then!"

They came out and entered the swine,

and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea  
where they drowned.

The swineherds ran away,

and when they came to the town they reported everything,  
including what had happened to the demoniacs.

Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus,

and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

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#### *THURSDAY*

Reading 1 Gn 22:1b-19

God put Abraham to the test.

He called to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love,  
and go to the land of Moriah.

There you shall offer him up as a burnt offering  
on a height that I will point out to you."

Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey,  
took with him his son Isaac, and two of his servants as well,  
and with the wood that he had cut for the burnt offering,  
set out for the place of which God had told him.

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On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar.  
Then he said to his servants: "Both of you stay here with the donkey,  
while the boy and I go on over yonder.  
We will worship and then come back to you."  
Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering  
and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders,  
while he himself carried the fire and the knife.  
As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham:  
"Father!" he said.  
"Yes, son," he replied.  
Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood,  
but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"  
"Son," Abraham answered,  
"God himself will provide the sheep for the burnt offering."  
Then the two continued going forward.

When they came to the place of which God had told him,  
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.  
Next he tied up his son Isaac,  
and put him on top of the wood on the altar.  
Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.  
But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,  
"Abraham, Abraham!"  
"Here I am," he answered.  
"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.  
"Do not do the least thing to him.  
I know now how devoted you are to God,  
since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."  
As Abraham looked about,  
he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.  
So he went and took the ram  
and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son.  
Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh;  
hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD will see."  
Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:  
"I swear by myself, declares the LORD,  
that because you acted as you did  
in not withholding from me your beloved son,  
I will bless you abundantly  
and make your descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;  
your descendants shall take possession  
of the gates of their enemies,  
and in your descendants all the nations of the earth  
shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Abraham then returned to his servants,  
and they set out together for Beer-sheba,

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where Abraham made his home.

Responsorial Psalm PS 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (9) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us

but to your name give glory

because of your kindness, because of your truth.

Why should the pagans say,

“Where is their God?”

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Our God is in heaven;

whatever he wills, he does.

Their idols are silver and gold,

the handiwork of men.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

or:

R. Alleluia.

They have mouths but speak not;

they have eyes but see not;

They have ears but hear not;

they have noses but smell not.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Their makers shall be like them,

everyone who trusts in them.

The house of Israel trusts in the LORD;

he is their help and their shield.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Alleluia 2 Cor 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 9:1-8

After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came into his own town.

And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,

“Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.”

At that, some of the scribes said to themselves,

“This man is blaspheming.”

Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said,

:Why do you harbor evil thoughts?

Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’

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or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

But that you may know that the Son of Man

has authority on earth to forgive sins"—

he then said to the paralytic,

“Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.”

He rose and went home.

When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe

and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

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*FRIDAY*

Reading 1 Eph 2:19-22

Brothers and sisters:

You are no longer strangers and sojourners,

but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones

and members of the household of God,

built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,

with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.

Through him the whole structure is held together

and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;

in him you also are being built together

into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm PS 117:1bc, 2

R. (Mark 16:15) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the LORD, all you nations;

glorify him, all you peoples!

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

For steadfast is his kindness for us,

and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Alleluia Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;

blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 20:24-29

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,

was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

But Thomas said to them,

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands

and put my finger into the nailmarks

and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside

and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,

and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands,

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and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

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*SATURDAY*

Reading 1 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29

When Isaac was so old that his eyesight had failed him,  
he called his older son Esau and said to him, “Son!”

“Yes father!” he replied.

Isaac then said, “As you can see, I am so old  
that I may now die at any time.

Take your gear, therefore—your quiver and bow—  
and go out into the country to hunt some game for me.

With your catch prepare an appetizing dish for me, such as I like,  
and bring it to me to eat,

so that I may give you my special blessing before I die.”

Rebekah had been listening

while Isaac was speaking to his son Esau.

So, when Esau went out into the country

to hunt some game for his father,

Rebekah [then] took the best clothes of her older son Esau  
that she had in the house,

and gave them to her younger son Jacob to wear;

and with the skins of the kids she covered up his hands  
and the hairless parts of his neck.

Then she handed her son Jacob the appetizing dish

and the bread she had prepared.

Bringing them to his father, Jacob said, “Father!”

“Yes?” replied Isaac. “Which of my sons are you?”

Jacob answered his father: “I am Esau, your first-born.

I did as you told me.

Please sit up and eat some of my game,

so that you may give me your special blessing.”

But Isaac asked, “How did you succeed so quickly, son?”

He answered,

“The LORD, your God, let things turn out well with me.”

Isaac then said to Jacob,

“Come closer, son, that I may feel you,

to learn whether you really are my son Esau or not.”

So Jacob moved up closer to his father.

When Isaac felt him, he said,

“Although the voice is Jacob’s, the hands are Esau’s.”

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(He failed to identify him because his hands were hairy,  
like those of his brother Esau;  
so in the end he gave him his blessing.)

Again he asked Jacob, "Are you really my son Esau?"

"Certainly," Jacob replied.

Then Isaac said, "Serve me your game, son, that I may eat of it  
and then give you my blessing."

Jacob served it to him, and Isaac ate;

he brought him wine, and he drank.

Finally his father Isaac said to Jacob,

"Come closer, son, and kiss me."

As Jacob went up and kissed him,

Isaac smelled the fragrance of his clothes.

With that, he blessed him saying,

"Ah, the fragrance of my son  
is like the fragrance of a field  
that the LORD has blessed!

"May God give to you  
of the dew of the heavens  
And of the fertility of the earth  
abundance of grain and wine.

"Let peoples serve you,  
and nations pay you homage;  
Be master of your brothers,  
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.  
Cursed be those who curse you,  
and blessed be those who bless you."

Responsorial Psalm PS 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. (3a) Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the name of the LORD;

Praise, you servants of the LORD

Who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God.

R. Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing praise to his name, which we love;

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,

Israel for his own possession.

R. Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!

or:

R. Alleluia.

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For I know that the LORD is great;  
our LORD is greater than all gods.

All that the LORD wills he does  
in heaven and on earth,

in the seas and in all the deeps.

R. Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Alleluia Jn 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 9:14-17

The disciples of John approached Jesus and said,

“Why do we and the Pharisees fast much,  
but your disciples do not fast?”

Jesus answered them, “Can the wedding guests mourn  
as long as the bridegroom is with them?

The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them,  
and then they will fast.

No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunk cloth,  
for its fullness pulls away from the cloak and the tear gets worse.

People do not put new wine into old wineskins.

Otherwise the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined.

Rather, they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

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