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*SUNDAY*

**Reading 1 Ez 2:2-5**

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me  
and set me on my feet,  
and I heard the one who was speaking say to me:  
Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,  
rebels who have rebelled against me;  
they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this  
very day.

Hard of face and obstinate of heart  
are they to whom I am sending you.  
But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!  
And whether they heed or resist—for they are a  
rebellious house—  
they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4**

**R. (2cd) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for  
his mercy.**

To you I lift up my eyes  
who are enthroned in heaven —  
As the eyes of servants  
are on the hands of their masters.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his  
mercy.**

As the eyes of a maid  
are on the hands of her mistress,  
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God,  
till he have pity on us.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his  
mercy.**

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us,  
for we are more than sated with contempt;  
our souls are more than sated  
with the mockery of the arrogant,  
with the contempt of the proud.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his  
mercy.**

**Reading 2 2 Cor 12:7-10**

Brothers and sisters:  
That I, Paul, might not become too elated,  
because of the abundance of the revelations,  
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,  
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.  
Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might  
leave me,  
but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness.”  
I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,  
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.  
Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,  
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,  
for the sake of Christ;  
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Alleluia Cf. Luke 4:18**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mk 6:1-6**

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place,  
accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the  
synagogue,

and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, “Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,  
and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and  
Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native  
place

and among his own kin and in his own house.”

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,  
apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands  
on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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*MONDAY*

**Reading 1 Gn 28:10-22a**

Jacob departed from Beer-sheba and proceeded toward  
Haran.

When he came upon a certain shrine, as the sun had  
already set,

he stopped there for the night.

Taking one of the stones at the shrine, he put it under his  
head

and lay down to sleep at that spot.

Then he had a dream: a stairway rested on the ground,  
with its top reaching to the heavens;

and God’s messengers were going up and down on it.

And there was the LORD standing beside him and  
saying:

“I, the LORD, am the God of your forefather Abraham  
and the God of Isaac;

the land on which you are lying

I will give to you and your descendants.

These shall be as plentiful as the dust of the earth,  
and through them you shall spread out east and west,  
north and south.

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In you and your descendants  
all the nations of the earth shall find blessing.  
Know that I am with you;  
I will protect you wherever you go,  
and bring you back to this land.  
I will never leave you until I have done what I promised  
you.”

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he exclaimed,  
“Truly, the LORD is in this spot, although I did not  
know it!”  
In solemn wonder he cried out: “How awesome is this  
shrine!  
This is nothing else but an abode of God,  
and that is the gateway to heaven!”  
Early the next morning Jacob took the stone  
that he had put under his head,  
set it up as a memorial stone, and poured oil on top of it.  
He called the site Bethel,  
whereas the former name of the town had been Luz.

Jacob then made this vow: “If God remains with me,  
to protect me on this journey I am making  
and to give me enough bread to eat and clothing to wear,  
and I come back safe to my father’s house, the LORD  
shall be my God.  
This stone that I have set up as a memorial stone shall be  
God’s abode.”

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab**

**R. (see 2b) In you, my God, I place my trust.**  
You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
Say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”

**R. In you, my God, I place my trust.**

For he will rescue you from the snare of the fowler,  
from the destroying pestilence.

With his pinions he will cover you,  
and under his wings you shall take refuge.

**R. In you, my God, I place my trust.**

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;  
I will set him on high because he acknowledges my  
name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in distress.

**R. In you, my God, I place my trust.**

**Alleluia See 2 Tm 1:10**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mt 9:18-26**

While Jesus was speaking, an official came forward,

knelt down before him, and said,  
“My daughter has just died.  
But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live.”  
Jesus rose and followed him, and so did his disciples.  
A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came  
up behind him  
and touched the tassel on his cloak.  
She said to herself, “If only I can touch his cloak, I shall  
be cured.”  
Jesus turned around and saw her, and said,  
“Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you.”  
And from that hour the woman was cured.

When Jesus arrived at the official’s house  
and saw the flute players and the crowd who were  
making a commotion,  
he said, “Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping.”  
And they ridiculed him.  
When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by  
the hand,  
and the little girl arose.  
And news of this spread throughout all that land.

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**TUESDAY**

**Reading 1 Gn 32:23-33**

In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took his two  
wives,

with the two maidservants and his eleven children,  
and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

After he had taken them across the stream  
and had brought over all his possessions,  
Jacob was left there alone.

Then some man wrestled with him until the break of  
dawn.

When the man saw that he could not prevail over him,  
he struck Jacob’s hip at its socket,  
so that the hip socket was wrenched as they wrestled.  
The man then said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”  
But Jacob said, “I will not let you go until you bless  
me.”

The man asked, “What is your name?”

He answered, “Jacob.”

Then the man said,

“You shall no longer be spoken of as Jacob, but as  
Israel,  
because you have contended with divine and human  
beings  
and have prevailed.”

Jacob then asked him, “Do tell me your name, please.”  
He answered, “Why should you want to know my

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name?"

With that, he bade him farewell.

Jacob named the place Peniel,

"Because I have seen God face to face," he said,

"yet my life has been spared."

At sunrise, as he left Penuel,

Jacob limped along because of his hip.

That is why, to this day, the children of Israel do not eat the sciatic muscle that is on the hip socket, inasmuch as Jacob's hip socket was struck at the sciatic muscle.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15**

**R. (15a) In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.**

Hear, O LORD, a just suit;

attend to my outcry;

hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.

**R. In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.**

From you let my judgment come;

your eyes behold what is right.

Though you test my heart, searching it in the night, though you try me with fire, you shall find no malice in me.

**R. In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.**

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

incline your ear to me; hear my word.

Show your wondrous mercies,

O savior of those who flee from their foes.

**R. In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.**

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

I in justice shall behold your face;

on waking, I shall be content in your presence.

**R. In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.**

**Alleluia Jn 10:14**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mt 9:32-38**

A demoniac who could not speak was brought to Jesus, and when the demon was driven out the mute man spoke.

The crowds were amazed and said,

"Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

But the Pharisees said,

"He drives out demons by the prince of demons."

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages,

teaching in their synagogues,

proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom,

and curing every disease and illness.

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them

because they were troubled and abandoned,

like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples,

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;

so ask the master of the harvest

to send out laborers for his harvest."

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Reading 1 Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a**

When hunger came to be felt throughout the land of Egypt

and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread,

Pharaoh directed all the Egyptians to go to Joseph

and do whatever he told them.

When the famine had spread throughout the land,

Joseph opened all the cities that had grain

and rationed it to the Egyptians,

since the famine had gripped the land of Egypt.

In fact, all the world came to Joseph to obtain rations of grain,

for famine had gripped the whole world.

The sons of Israel were among those

who came to procure rations.

It was Joseph, as governor of the country,

who dispensed the rations to all the people.

When Joseph's brothers came and knelt down before him

with their faces to the ground,

he recognized them as soon as he saw them.

But Joseph concealed his own identity from them

and spoke sternly to them.

With that, he locked them up in the guardhouse for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to his brothers:

"Do this, and you shall live; for I am a God-fearing man.

If you have been honest,

only one of your brothers need be confined in this

prison,

while the rest of you may go

and take home provisions for your starving families.

But you must come back to me with your youngest brother.

Your words will thus be verified, and you will not die."

To this they agreed.

To one another, however, they said:

"Alas, we are being punished because of our brother.

We saw the anguish of his heart when he pleaded with us,

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yet we paid no heed;  
that is why this anguish has now come upon us.”  
Reuben broke in,  
“Did I not tell you not to do wrong to the boy?  
But you would not listen!

Now comes the reckoning for his blood.”  
The brothers did not know, of course,  
that Joseph understood what they said,  
since he spoke with them through an interpreter.  
But turning away from them, he wept.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19**

**R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.  
Sing to him a new song;  
pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The LORD brings to nought the plans of nations;  
he foils the designs of peoples.

But the plan of the LORD stands forever;  
the design of his heart, through all generations.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

But see, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death

and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Alleluia Mk 1:15**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Kingdom of God is at hand:  
repent and believe in the Gospel.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mt 10:1-7**

Jesus summoned his Twelve disciples  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out

and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these:

first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew;

James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

Philip and Bartholomew,

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;

James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus;

Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot

who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent out these Twelve after instructing them thus,  
“Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town.

Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

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*THURSDAY*

**Reading 1 Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5**

Judah approached Joseph and said: “I beg you, my lord,  
let your servant speak earnestly to my lord,  
and do not become angry with your servant,  
for you are the equal of Pharaoh.

My lord asked your servants, ‘Have you a father, or another brother?’

So we said to my lord, ‘We have an aged father,  
and a young brother, the child of his old age.

This one’s full brother is dead,  
and since he is the only one by that mother who is left,  
his father dotes on him.’

Then you told your servants,

‘Bring him down to me that my eyes may look on him.

Unless your youngest brother comes back with you,

you shall not come into my presence again.’

When we returned to your servant our father,  
we reported to him the words of my lord.

“Later, our father told us to come back and buy some food for the family.

So we reminded him, ‘We cannot go down there;  
only if our youngest brother is with us can we go,  
for we may not see the man if our youngest brother is not with us.’

Then your servant our father said to us,

‘As you know, my wife bore me two sons.

One of them, however, disappeared, and I had to conclude

that he must have been torn to pieces by wild beasts;

I have not seen him since.

If you now take this one away from me, too,

and some disaster befalls him,

you will send my white head down to the nether world in grief.”

Joseph could no longer control himself

in the presence of all his attendants,

so he cried out, “Have everyone withdraw from me!”

Thus no one else was about when he made himself known to his brothers.

But his sobs were so loud that the Egyptians heard him,  
and so the news reached Pharaoh’s palace.

“I am Joseph,” he said to his brothers.

“Is my father still in good health?”

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But his brothers could give him no answer,  
so dumbfounded were they at him.

“Come closer to me,” he told his brothers.

When they had done so, he said:

“I am your brother Joseph, whom you once sold into  
Egypt.

But now do not be distressed,  
and do not reproach yourselves for having sold me here.  
It was really for the sake of saving lives  
that God sent me here ahead of you.”

**Responsorial Psalm PS 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21**

**R. (5a) Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

When the LORD called down a famine on the land  
and ruined the crop that sustained them,  
He sent a man before them,  
Joseph, sold as a slave.

**R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

They had weighed him down with fetters,  
and he was bound with chains,  
Till his prediction came to pass  
and the word of the LORD proved him true.

**R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

The king sent and released him,  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
He made him lord of his house  
and ruler of all his possessions.

**R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Mk 1:15**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Kingdom of God is at hand:  
repent and believe in the Gospel.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mt 10:7-15**

Jesus said to his Apostles:

“As you go, make this proclamation:  
‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

Cure the sick, raise the dead,  
cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.  
Without cost you have received; without cost you are to  
give.

Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts;  
no sack for the journey, or a second tunic,  
or sandals, or walking stick.  
The laborer deserves his keep.

Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy  
person in it,  
and stay there until you leave.  
As you enter a house, wish it peace.  
If the house is worthy,  
let your peace come upon it;  
if not, let your peace return to you.  
Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words—  
go outside that house or town and shake the dust from  
your feet.  
Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable  
for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of  
judgment  
than for that town.”

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**FRIDAY**

**Reading 1 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30**

Israel set out with all that was his.  
When he arrived at Beer-sheba,  
he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.  
There God, speaking to Israel in a vision by night,  
called,  
“Jacob! Jacob!”  
He answered, “Here I am.”  
Then he said: “I am God, the God of your father.  
Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt,  
for there I will make you a great nation.  
Not only will I go down to Egypt with you;  
I will also bring you back here, after Joseph has closed  
your eyes.”

So Jacob departed from Beer-sheba,  
and the sons of Israel  
put their father and their wives and children  
on the wagons that Pharaoh had sent for his transport.  
They took with them their livestock  
and the possessions they had acquired in the land of  
Canaan.  
Thus Jacob and all his descendants migrated to Egypt.  
His sons and his grandsons, his daughters and his  
granddaughters—  
all his descendants—he took with him to Egypt.

Israel had sent Judah ahead to Joseph,  
so that he might meet him in Goshen.  
On his arrival in the region of Goshen,  
Joseph hitched the horses to his chariot  
and rode to meet his father Israel in Goshen.  
As soon as Joseph saw him, he flung himself on his neck  
and wept a long time in his arms.

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And Israel said to Joseph, "At last I can die, now that I have seen for myself that Joseph is still alive."

**Responsorial Psalm PS 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40**

**R. (39a) The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

Trust in the LORD and do good,  
that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.  
Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will grant you your heart's requests.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

The LORD watches over the lives of the wholehearted;  
their inheritance lasts forever.

They are not put to shame in an evil time;  
in days of famine they have plenty.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

Turn from evil and do good,  
that you may abide forever;  
For the LORD loves what is right,  
and forsakes not his faithful ones.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

The salvation of the just is from the LORD;  
he is their refuge in time of distress.  
And the LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

**Alleluia Jn 16:13a; 14:26d**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

When the Spirit of truth comes,  
he will guide you to all truth  
and remind you of all I told you.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mt 10:16-23**

Jesus said to his Apostles:

"Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves;  
so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.  
But beware of men,  
for they will hand you over to courts  
and scourge you in their synagogues,  
and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake  
as a witness before them and the pagans.  
When they hand you over,  
do not worry about how you are to speak  
or what you are to say.  
You will be given at that moment what you are to say.  
For it will not be you who speak  
but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.  
Brother will hand over brother to death,  
and the father his child;  
children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but whoever endures to the end will be saved.  
When they persecute you in one town, flee to another.  
Amen, I say to you, you will not finish the towns of Israel  
before the Son of Man comes."

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**SATURDAY**

**Reading 1 Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a**

Jacob gave his sons this charge:

"Since I am about to be taken to my people,  
bury me with my fathers in the cave that lies  
in the field of Ephron the Hittite,  
the cave in the field of Machpelah,  
facing on Mamre, in the land of Canaan,  
the field that Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite  
for a burial ground.

There Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried,  
and so are Isaac and his wife Rebekah,  
and there, too, I buried Leah—  
the field and the cave in it  
that had been purchased from the Hittites."

Now that their father was dead,  
Joseph's brothers became fearful and thought,  
"Suppose Joseph has been nursing a grudge against us  
and now plans to pay us back in full for all the wrong we  
did him!"

So they approached Joseph and said:

"Before your father died, he gave us these instructions:  
'You shall say to Joseph, Jacob begs you  
to forgive the criminal wrongdoing of your brothers,  
who treated you so cruelly.'

Please, therefore, forgive the crime that we,  
the servants of your father's God, committed."

When they spoke these words to him, Joseph broke into  
tears.

Then his brothers proceeded to fling themselves down  
before him

and said, "Let us be your slaves!"

But Joseph replied to them:

"Have no fear. Can I take the place of God?

Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for  
good,

to achieve his present end, the survival of many people.  
Therefore have no fear.

I will provide for you and for your children."

By thus speaking kindly to them, he reassured them.

Joseph remained in Egypt, together with his father's  
family.

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He lived a hundred and ten years.

He saw Ephraim's children to the third generation,  
and the children of Manasseh's son Machir  
were also born on Joseph's knees.

Joseph said to his brothers: "I am about to die.  
God will surely take care of you and lead you out of this  
land to the land  
that he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."  
Then, putting the sons of Israel under oath, he continued,  
"When God thus takes care of you,  
you must bring my bones up with you from this place."  
Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7**

R. (see Psalm 69:33) **Be glad you lowly ones; may  
your hearts be glad!**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;  
make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

**R. Be glad you lowly ones; may your hearts be glad!**

Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.

**R. Be glad you lowly ones; may your hearts be glad!**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

**R. Be glad you lowly ones; may your hearts be glad!**

**Alleluia 1 Pt 4:14**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are  
you,  
for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mt 10:24-33**

Jesus said to his Apostles:

"No disciple is above his teacher,  
no slave above his master.

It is enough for the disciple that he become like his  
teacher,

for the slave that he become like his master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul,  
how much more those of his household!

"Therefore do not be afraid of them.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,  
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but  
cannot kill the soul;

rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy

both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your  
Father's knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many  
sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others

I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,

I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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