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*Sunday*

Reading 1 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert,  
until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.

He prayed for death saying:

"This is enough, O LORD!

Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree,  
but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.  
Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake  
and a jug of water.

After he ate and drank, he lay down again,  
but the angel of the LORD came back a second time,  
touched him, and ordered,  
"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

He got up, ate, and drank;  
then strengthened by that food,  
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

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

R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
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. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.  
And your faces may not blush with shame.

When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,  
And from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
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.

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Reading 2 Eph 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters:

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.

All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling  
must be removed from you, along with all malice.

And be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

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So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,  
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us  
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Alleluia Jn 6:51

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,

“I am the bread that came down from heaven, ”

and they said,

“Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?

Do we not know his father and mother?

Then how can he say,

‘I have come down from heaven’?”

Jesus answered and said to them,

“Stop murmuring among yourselves.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,

and I will raise him on the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

*They shall all be taught by God.*

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.

Not that anyone has seen the Father

except the one who is from God;

he has seen the Father.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;

this is the bread that comes down from heaven

so that one may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

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*Monday*

Reading 1 2 Cor 9:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,

and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion,

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for God loves a cheerful giver.

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you,  
so that in all things, always having all you need,  
you may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

*He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.*

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food  
will supply and multiply your seed  
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Responsorial Psalm PS 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

R. (5) Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

Blessed the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commands.

His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;  
the upright generation shall be blessed.

R. Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice;

He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

R. Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

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his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear  
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Alleluia Jn 8:12bc

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life, says the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 12:24-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,  
and whoever hates his life in this world  
will preserve it for eternal life.

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*Wednesday*

Reading 1 Dt 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo,

the headland of Pisgah which faces Jericho,

and the LORD showed him all the land—

Gilead, and as far as Dan, all Naphtali,

the land of Ephraim and Manasseh,

all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,

the Negeb, the circuit of the Jordan

with the lowlands at Jericho, city of palms,

and as far as Zoar.

The LORD then said to him,

“This is the land

which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

that I would give to their descendants.

I have let you feast your eyes upon it, but you shall not cross over.”

So there, in the land of Moab, Moses, the servant of the LORD,

died as the LORD had said; and he was buried in the ravine

opposite Beth-peor in the land of Moab,

but to this day no one knows the place of his burial.

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died,

yet his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated.

For thirty days the children of Israel wept for Moses

in the plains of Moab, till they had completed

the period of grief and mourning for Moses.

Now Joshua, son of Nun, was filled with the spirit of wisdom,

since Moses had laid his hands upon him;

and so the children of Israel gave him their obedience,

thus carrying out the LORD’s command to Moses.

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Since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses,  
whom the LORD knew face to face.  
He had no equal in all the signs and wonders  
the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt  
against Pharaoh and all his servants and against all his land,  
and for the might and the terrifying power  
that Moses exhibited in the sight of all Israel.

Responsorial Psalm PS 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17

R. (see 20a and 10b) Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;

sing praise to the glory of his name;

proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God: "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Come and see the works of God,

his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

Bless our God, you peoples;

loudly sound his praise.

R. Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.

When I appealed to him in words,

praise was on the tip of my tongue.

R. Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

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 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you,

go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen,

take one or two others along with you,

so that every fact may be established

on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church.

If he refuses to listen even to the Church,

then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you,

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,

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

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth

about anything for which they are to pray,

it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name,

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there am I in the midst of them.”

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*Thursday*

Reading 1 Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

The LORD said to Joshua,

“Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel,  
that they may know I am with you, as I was with Moses.  
Now command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant  
to come to a halt in the Jordan  
when you reach the edge of the waters.”

So Joshua said to the children of Israel,

“Come here and listen to the words of the LORD, your God.  
This is how you will know that there is a living God in your midst,  
who at your approach will dispossess the Canaanites.  
The ark of the covenant of the LORD of the whole earth  
will precede you into the Jordan.  
When the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the ark of the LORD,  
the Lord of the whole earth,  
touch the water of the Jordan, it will cease to flow;  
for the water flowing down from upstream will halt in a solid bank.”

The people struck their tents to cross the Jordan,  
with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant ahead of them.  
No sooner had these priestly bearers of the ark  
waded into the waters at the edge of the Jordan,  
which overflows all its banks  
during the entire season of the harvest,  
than the waters flowing from upstream halted,  
backing up in a solid mass for a very great distance indeed,  
from Adam, a city in the direction of Zarethan;  
while those flowing downstream toward the Salt Sea of the Arabah  
disappeared entirely.  
Thus the people crossed over opposite Jericho.  
While all Israel crossed over on dry ground,  
the priests carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD  
remained motionless on dry ground in the bed of the Jordan  
until the whole nation had completed the passage.  
Responsorial Psalm PS 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
R. Alleluia!  
When Israel came forth from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of alien tongue,  
Judah became his sanctuary,  
Israel his domain.

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R. Alleluia!

The sea beheld and fled;

Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like the lambs of the flock.

R. Alleluia!

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?

O Jordan, that you turn back?

You mountains, that you skip like rams?

You hills, like the lambs of the flock?

R. Alleluia!

Alleluia PS 119:135

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 18:21–19:1

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

“Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive him?

As many as seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king  
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting,  
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.  
Since he had no way of paying it back,  
his master ordered him to be sold,  
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,  
in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,  
‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’

Moved with compassion the master of that servant  
let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants  
who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,  
‘Pay back what you owe.’

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,  
‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison  
until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,  
they were deeply disturbed,

and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,



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as I had pity on you?’

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers  
until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,  
unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee

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*Friday*

Reading 1 Jos 24:1-13

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem,  
summoning their elders, their leaders,  
their judges and their officers.

When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people:

“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

In times past your fathers, down to Terah,  
father of Abraham and Nahor,

dwelt beyond the River and served other gods.

But I brought your father Abraham from the region beyond the River  
and led him through the entire land of Canaan.

I made his descendants numerous, and gave him Isaac.

To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau.

To Esau I assigned the mountain region of Seir in which to settle,  
while Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

“Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and smote Egypt with the prodigies  
which I wrought in her midst.

Afterward I led you out of Egypt, and when you reached the sea,  
the Egyptians pursued your fathers to the Red Sea  
with chariots and horsemen.

Because they cried out to the LORD,  
he put darkness between your people and the Egyptians,  
upon whom he brought the sea so that it engulfed them.

After you witnessed what I did to Egypt,  
and dwelt a long time in the desert,  
I brought you into the land of the Amorites  
who lived east of the Jordan.

They fought against you, but I delivered them into your power.

You took possession of their land, and I destroyed them,  
the two kings of the Amorites, before you.

Then Balak, son of Zippor, king of Moab,  
prepared to war against Israel.

He summoned Balaam, son of Beor, to curse you;  
but I would not listen to Balaam.

On the contrary, he had to bless you, and I saved you from him.  
Once you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho,

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the men of Jericho fought against you,  
but I delivered them also into your power.  
And I sent the hornets ahead of you that drove them  
(the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites,  
Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites)  
out of your way; it was not your sword or your bow.

“I gave you a land that you had not tilled  
and cities that you had not built, to dwell in;  
you have eaten of vineyards and olive groves  
which you did not plant.”

Responsorial Psalm PS 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24

R. His mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever;

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his mercy endures forever;

Give thanks to the LORD of lords,  
for his mercy endures forever.

R. His mercy endures forever.

Who led his people through the wilderness,  
for his mercy endures forever;

Who smote great kings,  
for his mercy endures forever;

And slew powerful kings,  
for his mercy endures forever.

R. His mercy endures forever.

And made their land a heritage,  
for his mercy endures forever;

The heritage of Israel his servant,  
for his mercy endures forever;

And freed us from our foes,  
for his mercy endures forever.

R. His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia See 1 Thess 2:13

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Receive the word of God, not as the word of men,  
but, as it truly is, the word of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 19:3-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?”

He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning  
the Creator *made them male and female* and said,

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?*

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

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They said to him, "Then why did Moses command  
that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?"  
He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts  
Moses allowed you to divorce your wives,  
but from the beginning it was not so.  
I say to you, whoever divorces his wife  
(unless the marriage is unlawful)  
and marries another commits adultery."  
His disciples said to him,  
"If that is the case of a man with his wife,  
it is better not to marry."  
He answered, "Not all can accept this word,  
but only those to whom that is granted.  
Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so;  
some, because they were made so by others;  
some, because they have renounced marriage  
for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven.  
Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

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*Saturday*

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil

Reading 1 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring the ark of the LORD  
to the place which he had prepared for it.  
David also called together the sons of Aaron and the Levites.

The Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with poles,  
as Moses had ordained according to the word of the LORD.

David commanded the chiefs of the Levites  
to appoint their kinsmen as chanters,  
to play on musical instruments, harps, lyres, and cymbals,  
to make a loud sound of rejoicing.

They brought in the ark of God and set it within the tent  
which David had pitched for it.

Then they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings to God.

When David had finished offering up the burnt offerings and peace offerings,  
he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm PS 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.

Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.

Let us enter his dwelling,  
let us worship at his footstool.

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R. Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.  
May your priests be clothed with justice;  
let your faithful ones shout merrily for joy.

For the sake of David your servant,  
reject not the plea of your anointed.

R. Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.  
For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
he prefers her for her dwelling.

“Zion is my resting place forever;  
in her will I dwell, for I prefer her.”

R. Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.  
Reading 2 1 Cor 15:54b-57

Brothers and sisters:

When that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia Lk 11:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they who hear the word of God  
and observe it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 11:27-28

While Jesus was speaking,  
a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,  
“Blessed is the womb that carried you  
and the breasts at which you nursed.”

He replied,

“Rather, blessed are those  
who hear the word of God and observe it.”

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass during the Day

Reading 1 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened,  
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

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She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.  
Then another sign appeared in the sky;  
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,  
and on its heads were seven diadems.  
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky  
and hurled them down to the earth.  
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,  
to devour her child when she gave birth.  
She gave birth to a son, a male child,  
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.  
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.  
The woman herself fled into the desert  
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:  
“Now have salvation and power come,  
and the Kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Anointed One.”

Responsorial Psalm PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16

R. (10bc) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.  
The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.  
R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.  
Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father's house.  
R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.  
So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord.  
R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.  
They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
they enter the palace of the king.  
R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Reading 2 1 Cor 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the firstfruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.  
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,

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for “he subjected everything under his feet.”

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven;  
a chorus of angels exults.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.”

And Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

Mary remained with her about three months

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and then returned to her home.

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