

August 31st, 2025

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First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Refrain: O that my people would listen to me and walk in my ways!

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob
I am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
R.

And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.
R.

Oh that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.
R.

Those who hate me would cringe before ,
their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy them with honey from the rock.
R.

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Deuxième Lecture Hébreux 13:1-8, 15-16

LECTURE DE LA LETTRE AUX HÉBREUX.

Continuez à vous aimer les uns les autres comme des frères et des sœurs. 2N'oubliez pas de pratiquer l'hospitalité. En effet, en la pratiquant, certains ont accueilli des anges sans le savoir. Souvenez-vous de ceux qui sont en prison, comme si vous étiez prisonniers avec eux. Souvenez-vous de ceux qui sont maltraités, puisque vous avez, vous aussi, un corps exposé à la souffrance.

Que le mariage soit respecté par tous, que les époux soient fidèles l'un à l'autre. Dieu jugera les gens qui vivent dans la débauche et ceux qui commettent l'adultère.

Votre conduite ne doit pas être déterminée par l'amour de l'argent ; contentez-vous de ce que vous avez, car Dieu a dit : « Je ne te laisserai pas, je ne t'abandonnerai jamais. » C'est pourquoi nous pouvons affirmer avec confiance :

« Le Seigneur est celui qui vient à mon aide, je n'aurai peur de rien ! Que pourrait-on me faire ? »

Souvenez-vous de ceux qui vous ont dirigés, qui vous ont annoncé la parole de Dieu. Pensez à la façon dont ils ont vécu et comment ils sont morts, et imitez leur foi. Jésus Christ est le même hier, aujourd'hui et pour toujours.

Par Jésus, présentons sans cesse à Dieu notre louange comme sacrifice, c'est-à-dire l'offrande des paroles de nos lèvres qui célèbrent son nom. N'oubliez pas de faire le bien et de vous entraider fraternellement, car ce sont de tels sacrifices qui plaisent à Dieu.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse

Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

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Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

God be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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