

March 23rd, 2025
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First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your mighty hand holds me fast.

Deuxième Lecture 1 Corinthiens 10:1-13

LECTURE DE LA PREMIÈRE LETTRE DE PAUL AUX CORINTHIENS.

Je veux que vous vous rappeliez, frères et sœurs, ce qui est arrivé à nos ancêtres du temps de Moïse. Ils ont tous été sous la protection de la nuée et ils sont tous passés à travers la mer Rouge. Dans la nuée et dans la mer, ils ont tous été baptisés en communion avec Moïse. Ils ont tous mangé la même nourriture spirituelle et ils ont tous bu la même boisson spirituelle : ils buvaient en effet au rocher spirituel qui les accompagnait, et ce rocher était le Christ. Pourtant, la plupart d'entre eux ne furent pas agréables à Dieu et c'est pourquoi ils tombèrent morts dans le désert.

Ces événements nous servent de modèle, pour que nous n'ayons pas de mauvais désirs comme ils en ont eu. Ne vous mettez pas à adorer des idoles comme certains d'entre eux l'ont fait. Ainsi que le déclare l'Écriture : « Les gens s'assirent pour manger et boire, puis ils se levèrent pour se divertir. » Ne nous livrons pas non plus à la débauche, comme certains d'entre eux l'ont fait et 23 000 personnes tombèrent mortes en un seul jour. Ne mettons pas le Christ à l'épreuve, comme certains d'entre eux l'ont fait et ils moururent de la morsure des serpents. Enfin, ne vous plaignez pas, comme certains d'entre eux l'ont fait et ils furent exterminés par l'ange de la mort.

Ces malheurs leur arrivèrent pour servir d'exemple à d'autres ; ils ont été mis par écrit pour nous avertir, car nous vivons en un temps proche de la fin. Par conséquent, que celui qui pense être debout prenne garde de ne pas tomber. Les épreuves que vous avez connues ont toutes été de celles qui se présentent normalement aux êtres humains. Dieu est fidèle à ses promesses et il ne permettra pas que vous soyez éprouvés au-delà de vos forces ; mais, au moment où surviendra l'épreuve, il vous donnera la force de la supporter et, ainsi, le moyen d'en sortir.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse
Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

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Gospel Luke 13:1-9

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!

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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