

First Reading Genesis 45:3-11

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in the Holy One *
who will bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God. *
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord, *
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
rescuing them from the wicked and delivering them, because they seek refuge in God.

Deuxième Lecture 1 Corinthiens 15:35-38, 42-50

LECTURE DE LA PREMIÈRE LETTRE DE PAUL AUX CORINTHIENS.

« Mais, demandera-t-on, comment les morts ressuscitent-ils ? Quelle sorte de corps auront-ils ? » Insensé que tu es ! Quand tu sèmes une graine, celle-ci ne donne vie à une plante que si elle meurt. Ce que tu sèmes est une simple graine, peut-être un grain de blé ou une autre semence, et non la plante elle-même qui va pousser. Ensuite, Dieu accorde à cette graine de donner corps à la plante qu'il veut ; à chaque graine correspond la plante qui lui est propre.

Il en sera ainsi lorsque les morts ressusciteront. Quand le corps est mis en terre, il est corruptible ; quand il ressuscitera, il sera incorruptible. Quand il est mis en terre, il est misérable et faible ; quand il ressuscitera, il sera glorieux et fort. Quand il est mis en terre, c'est un corps terrestre ; quand il ressuscitera, ce sera un corps animé par l'Esprit. Il y a un corps terrestre, il y a donc aussi un corps animé par l'Esprit. En effet, l'Écriture déclare : « Le premier homme, Adam, devint un être vivant » ; mais le dernier Adam est rempli de l'Esprit qui donne la vie. Ce n'est pas le spirituel qui vient le premier, mais c'est le matériel : le spirituel vient ensuite. Le premier Adam a été fait de la poussière du sol ; le deuxième Adam est venu des cieux. Les êtres terrestres sont pareils à celui qui a été fait de la poussière du sol, tandis que les êtres célestes sont pareils à celui qui est venu des cieux. Et de même que nous sommes à l'image de celui qui a été fait de la poussière du sol, de même nous serons à l'image de celui qui est venu des cieux.

Voici ce que je veux dire, frères et sœurs : ce qui est fait de chair et de sang ne peut avoir part au règne de Dieu, et ce qui est corruptible ne peut participer à l'incorruptibilité.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse
Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

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Gospel Luke 6:27-38

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!

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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