



≈ FIRST READING *Galatians 5:18-25 (Year 2)*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. You can clearly see what people do when they turn away from God and think only of their own pleasure: They stop caring about others. They lie, steal, and cheat. They are jealous and greedy. They fight and don't care who gets hurt so long as they get what they want. And they do other selfish things like this. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

On the other hand, what the Spirit brings is this: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There can be no law against such things. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus if you have not cut yourself off from such selfish and self-serving desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also stay in step with the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

≈ PSALM RESPONSE *Psalms 1:1-4, 6*

REFRAIN: *Those who follow your way, O Lord, walk in the light of your life.*

Happy are the just and those who refuse to follow the path of the wicked;
They find joy in the law of the Lord, and enjoy thinking about it day and night. *(Refrain.)*

They are like trees planted by streams of fresh water;
Their leaves do not wither; they grow and bear rich fruit in its season. *(Refrain.)*

The wicked are not like this; they are like chaff that the wind drives away.
For the Lord protects the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish. *(Refrain.)*

≈ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! God trusts in us to share the good news of God's saving love. Alleluia!

≈ GOSPEL *Luke 11:42-46*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said: "Beware you Pharisees! For you give a tenth of what you grow in your garden, but you do not show justice and the love of God. These are the things you should really be doing, without leaving out the others. Beware! You love to have the front seats of honor in the synagogues. And you like getting attention in public. I'm warning you! You are like unmarked graves that people walk on without realizing it."

One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us, too." And Jesus said, "Beware you lawyers! You make people bear heavy burdens, and you do not lift a finger to make their burdens lighter."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



≈ FIRST READING *Romans 8:28, 31-39 (Year 1)*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We know it is God's work that we do. Then what are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Our God even gave up the Son of God for us. Will God not give us everything we need? Who will bring any charge against those God chooses? It is God who justifies us. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes, and was raised. He sits at the right hand of God and speaks for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hard times, having no food or clothes, threats against our lives? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed every day; we are like sheep about to be butchered." But in all these things, we share in the victory of Jesus. For I am sure of this: nothing can separate us from God's love for us — not death, not life, not angels, not rulers, not things present, not things to come, not powers, not anything above or below, not anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

≈ PSALM RESPONSE *Psalms 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31*

REFRAIN: *Save us, O Lord, in your kindness.*

O Lord, stand up for me; your love is always true, deliver me.
For I am poor and needy, and my heart bleeds within me. *(Refrain.)*

Help me, O Lord my God! Be true to your name.
Let them know that it is your hand I hold; you, O Lord, save me. *(Refrain.)*

I shout my thanks to the Lord; surrounded by crowds, I praise God.
God stands beside those in need, to save them from being condemned to death. *(Refrain.)*

≈ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! The word of life shines on the world like bright stars. Alleluia!

≈ GOSPEL *Luke 13:31-35*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

At that time some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here; Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and I am curing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because only in Jerusalem is it possible for a prophet to be killed.'

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you refused me! See, your temple will be left empty. Remember this: you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



FIRST READING *Isaiah 2:1-5*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

One day, the Lord's house will be built on top of the mountains. People from every nation will stream toward it, singing: "Let us go up to the house of the Lord! Let us listen to God and learn to walk in God's path to peace."

There God will judge all nations and settle all conflicts. Nations will beat their weapons into tools for tending the earth. There will be no more fighting — no more war.

Come, everyone, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 122:1-9*

REFRAIN: *I was glad when I heard them say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

Now my feet are standing at the gate of Jerusalem, the city of God.

Here I pray for peace — in my heart and in our world. *(Refrain.)*

For all of my sisters and brothers I pray, "Peace be with each of you.

May God bless every one of you." *(Refrain.)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Come, O Lord our God. Let us see your face and we shall be saved. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 8:5-11*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus entered Capernaum, an officer in charge of a hundred soldiers came to him and asked for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant is lying at home paralyzed and in terrible pain."

Jesus replied, "I will come and heal him."

The officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my house. Just say the word and my servant will be healed. I know what it is like to have power. When I give orders to my soldiers, they do as I say. You need only to give your word."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those following him, "I have found no one in Israel with such great faith. I can tell you that many will come from the east and the west to feast in the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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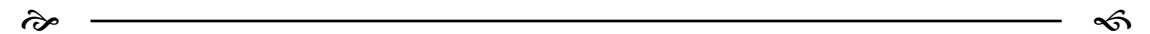
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— Rev. Edward Matthews, one of the authors of the Vatican's

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