

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time B

31 October 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people:

"May you and your children and your children's children
fear the Lord your God all the days of your life,
and keep all his decrees
and his commandments that I am commanding you,
so that your days may be long.

"Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently,
so that it may go well with you,
and so that you may multiply greatly in a land
flowing with milk and honey,
as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

"Hear; O Israel:

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.

My God, my rock in whom I take refuge;
my shield, and the source of my salvation,
my stronghold. **R.**

I shall call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
So I shall be saved from my enemies.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears. **R.**

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock!
and exulted be the God of my salvation.
Great triumphs he gives to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The priests of the first covenant were many in number,
because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;
but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently,
because he continues forever.

Consequently he is able for all time
to save those who approach God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest,
holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners,
and exalted above the heavens.

Unlike the other high priests,
he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day,
first for his own sins,
and then for those of the people;
this he did once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints as high priests
those who are subject to weakness,
but the word of the oath,
which came later than the law,
appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came near
and heard the religious authorities disputing with one another;
and seeing that Jesus answered them well,
he asked him,

"Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is,
'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

"The second is this,
'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him,
"You are right, Teacher;
you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other';
and 'to love him with all the heart,
and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,'
and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself,'-
this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that the scribe answered wisely, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

After that no one dared to ask Jesus any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

