

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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## COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Eze 33.7–11*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 119.He*



*R.* They are happy who follow God's law.  
(*All repeat*)



Teach me the demands <sup>l</sup> of your statutes  
and I will keep them <sup>l</sup> to the end.  
Train me to ob-<sup>l</sup>serve your law,  
to keep it with <sup>l</sup> all my heart. *R.*

Guide me in the path of <sup>l</sup> your commands,  
for there is <sup>l</sup> my delight.  
Bend my heart <sup>l</sup> to your will  
and not to <sup>l</sup> love of gain. *R.*

Keep my eyes from <sup>l</sup> what is false;  
by your word, <sup>l</sup> give me life.  
Keep the promise <sup>l</sup> you have made  
to the ser-<sup>l</sup>vant who fears you. *R.*

Keep me from the <sup>l</sup> scorn I dread,  
for your de-<sup>l</sup>crees are good.  
See I long <sup>l</sup> for your precepts;  
then in your justice <sup>l</sup> give me life. *R.*

## SECOND READING

*Rom 13.8–14*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord

Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*cf Jn 17.17*

*Alleluia.*

Your word is truth, O Lord:

Consecrate us in the truth.

*Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

*Mt 18.15-20*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, source of true devotion and peace, grant that through this offering we may pay you the worship that we owe and receive this sacrament with united hearts; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**