

New Testament Readings

The second reading must be selected from the New Testament. If you have chosen a reader, the presider will invite that person to come forward. The reading will be at the ambo, they do not need to bring a copy. They approach the ambo, adjust the microphone as needed, proclaim where the scripture is from, and at the conclusion, say "The Word of the Lord." The assembly will respond "Thanks be to God." The reader will leave the ambo and proceed back to their pew.

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Acts 10: 34-36, 42-43

Acts 10: 34-43

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

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2 Corinthians 4: 14-18, 5:1

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1 John 3: 1-2

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Philippians 3: 20-21

Revelations 14: 13

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Romans 3: 3-4,8-9

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1Thessalonians 4: 14-18

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A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,

what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak with the tongues of humankind and of angels,

but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge,

and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

And if I give away all my possessions to charity,

and if I surrender my body so that I may glory,

but do not have love, it does me no good.

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous;

love does not brag; it is not arrogant.

It does not act disgracefully; it does not seek its own benefit;

it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered,

it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with;

if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

For we know in part and prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes,

the partial will be done away with.

When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face;

now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known.

But now faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,

but each one in proper order:

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Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming,

those who belong to Christ; then comes the end,

when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,

when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,

for "he subjected everything under his feet."

But when it says that everything has been subjected,

it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.

When everything is subjected to him,

then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one

who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

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Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,

in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible,

and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,

and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility

and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,

then the word that is written shall come about:

"Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus

will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,

so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people

may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away,

our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us

an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;

for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,

we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous,

although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense,

according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

A Reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

A Reading from the first letter of John.

We know that we have passed from death to life

because we love our brothers and sisters.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,

and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us;

so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Philippians: 3: 20-21

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Reader:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body

by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Revelations: 14: 13

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Reader:

A Reading from the book of Revelations.

I heard a voice from heaven say,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors,

for their works accompany them."

Revelations: 20: 11-14, 21: 1
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Reader:

A Reading from the book of Revelations.

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.

The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead;

then Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

This pool of fire is the second death.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,

and the sea was no more.

Revelations: 21:1-5a,6b-7 Back to Top

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Revelations.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,

and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,

coming down out of heaven from God,

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people

and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning,

wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

Romans: 3: 3-4,8-9 Back to Top

Reader:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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If, then, we have died with Christ,

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We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

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Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If, by the transgression of one person,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and
of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.
In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all,
so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans: 8: 31-39 Back to Top

Reader:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all.

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day;

we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time

are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God;

for creation was made subject to futility,

not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,

in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption

and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,

the redemption of our bodies.

Romans: 14: 7-9, 10.5-12 Back to Top

Reader:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

None of us lives for oneself,

and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,

about those who have fallen asleep,

so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus,

bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,

that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,

will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,

with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,

will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together

with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel,

for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him

we shall also live with him;

if we persevere

we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him

he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful he remains faithful,

for he cannot deny himself.

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,

who will judge the living and the dead,

and by his appearing and his kingly power:

proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;

convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine

but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity,

will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth

and will be diverted to myths.

But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances;

put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a libation,

and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;

I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,

which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day,

and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

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At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me.

May it not be held against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,

so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might

hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat

and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.