

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Kgs 5.1–5a,6–15b

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When Naaman heard of this, he went to the king and told him what the girl had said. The king said, 'Go to the king of Israel and take this letter to him.' The letter read: 'This letter will introduce my officer Naaman. I want you to cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to

him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"? So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 111



℣. The praise of the Lord endures for ever.

(All repeat)



I will thank the Lord with ¹ all my heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the ¹
congregation.

Great are his deeds, full of majes-^lty and
honour,
and his righteousness en-^ldures for ever. ℣.

He makes his marvellous works to ¹ be
remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full ¹ of compassion.
He gives food to ¹ those who fear him;
he is ever mindful ¹ of his covenant. ℣.

The works of his hands are | truth and justice;
all his command-|ments are sure.
They stand fast for ev-|er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and
equity. R|.

He sent redemption | to his people;
he established his coven-|ant for ever.
The fear of the Lord is the begin-|ning of
wisdom,
and his praise en-|dures for ever. R|.

SECOND READING

2 Tim 2.8–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to
Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the
dead, a descendant of David – that is my gos-
pel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the
point of being chained like a criminal. But
the word of God is not chained. Therefore I
endure everything for the sake of the elect, so
that they may also obtain the salvation that is
in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying
is sure: If we have died with him, we will also
live with him; if we endure, we will also reign
with him; if we deny him, he will also deny
us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful –
for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of
this, and warn them before God that they are
to avoid wrangling over words, which does
no good but only ruins those who are listen-
ing. Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved by him, a worker who has
no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining
the word of truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6.63,68

Alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 17.11–19

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing
along between Samaria and Galilee. And
as he entered a village, he was met by ten
lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted
up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master,
have mercy on us.” When he saw them he
said to them, “Go and show yourselves to
the priests.” And as they went they were
cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that
he was healed, turned back, praising God
with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at
Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a
Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not
ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no-
one found to return and give praise to God
except this foreigner?” And he said to him,
“Rise and go your way; your faith has made
you well.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, accept the sacrifice which we offer in
obedience to your command. We celebrate
this Eucharist to pay you the worship that
we owe: grant that it may bring us holiness
and redemption; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always
precede and follow us, and make us continu-
ally to be given to all good works; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**