

Second Reading



E1 Romans 5:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E2 Romans 5:17-21

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans
Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E3 Long Version: Romans 6:3-9

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Are you unaware that we

who were baptized into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him

through baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead

by the glory of the Father,

we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him

through a death like his,

we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. 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.

If, then, we have died with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ,

raised from the dead, dies no more;

death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord

E3 Short Version: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

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The Word of the Lord

E4 Romans 8:14-23

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E5 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

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Brothers and Sisters:

What then shall we say to this?

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?

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.

The Word of the Lord

E6 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord

E7 Long Version: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

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: 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.

The Word of the Lord

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The Word of the Lord

E8 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E9 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E10 2Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord.

E11 Philippians 3:20-21

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
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.

The Word of the Lord

E13 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Timothy

Beloved:

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.

The Word of the Lord

E14 1 John 3:1-2

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John

Beloved:

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.

Everyone who has this hope based on him
makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord

E15 1 John 3:14-16

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.

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.

If someone who has worldly means
sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion,
how can the love of God remain in him?

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

The Word of the Lord