

Saint Francis of Assisi

FIRST READING

Sirach 50:1, 3-4, 6-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach

The leader of his brethren and the pride of his people
was Simon the high priest, son of Onias,
who in his life repaired the house, and in his time fortified the temple.
In his days a cistern for water was quarried out,
a reservoir like the sea in circumference.
He considered how to save his people from ruin,
and fortified the city to withstand a siege.
Like the morning star among the clouds,
like the moon when it is full;
Like the sun shining upon the temple of the Most High,
and like the rainbow gleaming in glorious clouds.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 (R. see 5a)

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "My Lord are you."
O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot. **R.**

I bless the Lord who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the Lord ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **R.**

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. **R.**

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SECOND READING

Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

May I never boast except
in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.

For neither does circumcision mean anything,
nor does uncircumcision,
but only a new creation.

Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule
and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,
brothers and sisters. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

See Matthew 11:25

℣. Alleluia. ℟. Alleluia.

℣. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

℟. Alleluia.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

✠. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.