

Introit*Psalm 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8–9*

The LORD is the strength of his | people,*
 he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
 Save your people and bless your | heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.
 To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
 lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
 Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
 when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am
 helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Old Testament Reading*Exodus 20:1–17*

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,
²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
³"You shall have no other gods before me.
⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Psalm

Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, *
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

²Day to day | pours out speech, *
and night to night reveals | knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor | are there words, *
whose voice | is not heard.

⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end | of the world. *

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber, *
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the | end of them, *
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviv- | ing the soul; *

the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the | simple;
⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing | the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening | the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for- | ever;*
the just decrees of the LORD are true,
and righteous alto- | gether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even | much fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the | honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover, by them is your | servant warned;*
in keeping them there is | great reward.
¹²Who can dis- | cern his errors?*
Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.
¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion | over me!*
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great trans- | gression.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

Epistle

Romans 6:3–11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set

free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day

Psalms 31:1

Alleluia. In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:20–26

²⁰[Jesus said:] “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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