

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARU TIME (B)

1st. READING (Dt 6,2-6)

Moses said to the people: Fear Yahweh, observe his commandments all the days of your life and his norms that I teach you today. So also for your children and your children's children that they may live long. Listen, then, Israel, observe these commandments and put them into practice. If you do this, you will be well and you will multiply in this land flowing with milk and honey, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, promised you. Listen, Israel: Yahweh, our God, is One Yahweh. And you shall love Yahweh, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. Engrave on your heart the commandments that I pass on to you today.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18)

I love you, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, my fortress,
my deliverer and my God.
He is the rock in whom I take refuge.
He is my shield, my powerful savior, my stronghold.

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4 I call on the Lord, who is worthy of praise: he saves me from my enemies!

The Lord lives! Praised be my rock!
Exalted be my savior God -
"He has given victories to his king;
he has shown his love to his anointed ones,
to David, and to his descendants forever."

2nd. READING (Heb 7,23-28)

The former priests were many since, as mortal men, they could not remain in office. But Jesus remains forever and the priesthood shall not be taken from him. Consequently he is able to save for all time those who approach God through him. He always lives to intercede on their behalf. It was fitting that our High Priest be holy, undefiled, set apart from sinners and exalted above the heavens; a priest who does not first need to offer sacrifice for himself before offering for the sins of the people, as high priests do. He offered himself in sacrifice once and for all. And whereas the Law elected weak men as high priests, now, after the Law, the word of God with an oath appointed the Son, made perfect forever.

GOSPEL (Mk 12,28-34)

A teacher of the Law had been listening to this discussion and admired how Jesus answered them. So he came up and asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is: Hear, Israel! The Lord, our God, is One Lord; 30 and you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And after this comes another one: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these two." The teacher of the Law said to him, "Well-spoken, Master; you are right when you say that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all our heart, with all our understanding and with all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves is more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice." Jesus approved this answer and said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.