

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11th July, 2010

First Reading

Deut. 30:10-14

A reading from the book Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people, 'When you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69(68)

Response: *Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O
God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion turn towards
me. **R.**

2. As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a
song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
R.

3. The poor when they see it will be
glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains. **R.**

4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The children of his servants shall
inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell
there. **R.**

Second Reading

Col. 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and

invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life,
you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia**

Gospel

Lk. 10:25-37

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

Who is my neighbour?

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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