

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

13th February, 2011

(Shorter readings)

First Reading

Deut. 10:12-22

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 119

Response: *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

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| 1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! | 3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. |
| They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. | Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. |
| R. | R. |
| 2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. | 4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. |
| R. | R. |
| | Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. |

Second Reading

1 Cor. 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to infants the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mtt. 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all.

Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one. For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Christ.**