

FIRST READING
Deuteronomy 30:10–14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

“You must obey the LORD your God
and follow all the laws and commands
that are in the book of the Law.

You must trust him with all your heart and soul.

“What I am commanding you today is not too hard.
It isn’t out of your reach somewhere up in the sky.

You don’t have to ask yourselves,

‘Who will go up to the sky and get it for us?

Who will bring it down and tell us what we must do?’

“What I am commanding you is not on the other side of the sea.

You don’t have to ask yourselves,

‘Who will cross the sea and get it for us?

Who will bring it here and tell us what to do?’

No! What I am commanding is as near as your mouth or your heart.

All you have to do is obey.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 69:13, 29–30

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

*I pray to you, LORD.
So when the time is right,
answer me and help me
with your wonderful love.*

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

*I am mistreated and in pain.
Protect me, God,
and keep me safe!
I will praise the LORD God
with a song
and a thankful heart.*

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

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SECOND READING
Colossians 1:18–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:
Christ is the head of his body, which is the church.
He is the very beginning,
the first to be raised from death,
so that he would be above all others.
God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son.
And God was pleased for him to make peace
by sacrificing his blood on the cross,
so that all beings in heaven and on earth
would be brought back to God.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL
Luke 10:25–37

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

An expert in the Law of Moses stood up and asked Jesus a question to see what he would say.

“Teacher,” he asked,
“What must I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the Scriptures?
How do you understand them?”

The man replied, “The Scriptures say,
‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength,
and mind.’

They also say, ‘Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.’”

Jesus said, “You have given the right answer.
If you do this, you will have eternal life.”

But the man wanted to show that he knew what he was
talking about.

So he asked Jesus, “Who are my neighbors?”

Jesus replied:

“As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,
robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had.

They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead.

“A priest happened to be going down the same road.

But when he saw the man,
he walked by on the other side.

Later a temple helper came to the same place.

But when he saw the man who had been beaten up,
he also went by on the other side.

GOSPEL
Luke 10:25–37

(Continued)

“A man from Samaria then came traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put him on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

“The next morning he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, ‘Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return.’”

Then Jesus asked, “Which of these three people was a real neighbor to the man who was beaten up by robbers?”

The teacher answered, “The one who showed pity.” Jesus said, “Go and do the same!”

The Gospel of the Lord.