

Pentecost Sunday (Vigil Mass)

When the extended form of the Vigil Mass is celebrated, all four readings are proclaimed. If celebrated in the simple form, only one of the following is proclaimed as the First Reading.

Reading 1

Genesis 11:1-9

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words. While the people were migrating in the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to one another, "Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire."

They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built. Then the LORD said: ""If now, while they are one people, all speaking the same language, they have started to do this, nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do. Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says."

Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world. It was from that place that he scattered them all over the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15

R. (12) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

The LORD brings to nought the plans of nations; He foils the designs of peoples.

But the plan of the LORD stands forever; the design of His heart, through all generations.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen for His own inheritance. From Heaven the LORD looks down; He sees all mankind.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

From His fixed throne He beholds all who dwell on the earth,
He who fashioned the heart of each,
He who knows all their works.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.



Reading 2

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b

Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, ""Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to Myself. Therefore, if you hearken to My Voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My special possession, dearer to Me than all other people, though all the earth is Mine. You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. That is what you must tell the Israelites." So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people. When he set before them all that the LORD had ordered him to tell them, the people all answered together, "Everything the LORD has said, we will do."

On the morning of the third day there were peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the LORD came down upon it in fire. The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking, and God answering him with thunder.

When the LORD came down to the top of Mount Sinai, He summoned Moses to the top of the mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is Your holy and glorious Name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are You in the temple of Your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are You on the throne of Your Kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are You who look into the depths from Your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are You in the firmament of Heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

OR:

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.



Reading 3

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and He led me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the center of the plain, which was now filled with bones. He made me walk among the bones in every direction so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain. How dry they were!

He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come to life? I answered, ""Lord GOD, You alone know that.""

Then He said to me:

Prophesy over these bones, and say to them:

Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life. I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put spirit in you so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD. I, Ezekiel, prophesied as I had been told, and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise; it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone. I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them, and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them. Then the LORD said to me:

Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man, and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD:

From the four winds come, O spirit, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life. I prophesied as He told me, and the spirit came into them; they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.

Then He said to me: Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They have been saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off."

Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I

will put My Spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord; His love is everlasting. or:

R. Alleluia.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say, those whom He has redeemed from the hand of the foe

And gathered from the lands, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; His love is everlasting. or:

R. Alleluia.

They went astray in the desert wilderness; the way to an inhabited city they did not find. Hungry and thirsty, their life was wasting away within them.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; His love is everlasting. or:

R. Alleluia.

They cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits He rescued them.

And He led them by a direct way to reach an inhabited city.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; His love is everlasting. or:

R. Alleluia.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for His mercy and His wondrous deeds to the children of men, Because He satisfied the longing soul and filled the hungry soul with good things.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. or:

R. Alleluia.



Reading 4

Joel 3:1-5

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; even upon the servants and the handmaids, in those days, I will pour out My Spirit. And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke; the sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, at the coming of the day of the LORD, the great and terrible day. Then everyone shall be rescued who calls on the Name of the LORD; for on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant, as the LORD has said, and in Jerusalem survivors whom the LORD shall call.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29-30

R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, You are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

R. Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

How manifold are Your works, O LORD! In wisdom You have wrought them all the earth is full of Your creatures; bless the LORD, O my soul! Alleluia.

R. Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Creatures all look to You

to give them food in due time.

When You give it to them, they gather it; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

If You take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.

When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.



Second Reading Romans 8:22-27

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the One Who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because He intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink. As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me."

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in Him were to receive.

There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.



June 5, 2022: Pentecost Sunday

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under Heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, You are great indeed!

How manifold are Your works, O LORD!

the earth is full of Your creatures.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in His works! Pleasing to Him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.

When You send forth Your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.



June 5, 2022: Pentecost Sunday (continued)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

there are different forms of service but the same Lord;

there are different workings but the same God Who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Second Reading for Option for Cycle C Romans 8:8-17

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One Who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit that dwells in you.

Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.



June 5, 2022: Pentecost Sunday (continued)

Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, Source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;

You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;

Grateful coolness in the heat:

Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of yours,

And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,

Nothing good in deed or thought,

Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour your dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore

And confess You, evermore

In Your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;

Give them Your salvation, Lord;

Give them joys that never end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Gospel Reading Option for Cycle C John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Jesus said to His disciples:

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always.

"Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.

Those who do not love Me do not keep My words; yet the word you hear is not Mine but that of the Father Who sent Me.

"I have told you this while I am with you.
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit Whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."



June 12, 2022: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

First Reading Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God:

"The LORD possessed me, the beginning of His

ways,

the forerunner of His prodigies of long

ago;

from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no fountains or springs of water;

before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made,

nor the first clods of the world.

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there,

when He marked out the vault over the face of the deep;

when He made firm the skies above,
when He fixed fast the foundations of
the earth;

when He set for the sea its limit,
so that the waters should not transgress
His command;

then was I beside Him as His craftsman, and I was His delight day by day, playing before Him all the while, playing on the surface of His earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (2a) O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your Name in all the earth!

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars which you set in place

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What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your Name in all the earth!

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet:

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your Name in all the earth!

All sheep and oxen,

yes, and the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your Name in all the earth!



June 12, 2022: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Second Reading Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel Reading John 16:12-15

Jesus said to His disciples:

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you."



June 19, 2022: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

R. (4b) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:

"Rule in the midst of your enemies."

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;

before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD has sworn, and He will not repent:

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over, took bread, and, after He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes.

Sequence - Lauda Sion

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your King and Shepherd true:

Bring Him all the praise you know, He is more than you bestow. Never can you reach His due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving Is the quick'ning and the living Bread today before you set:

From His hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,

Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,

From your heart let praises burst:



June 19, 2022: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,

By the new king's revelation,

Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What He did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:

And His rule for guidance taking, Bread and wine we hallow, making Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into His flesh He turns,
To His precious Blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives, But a dauntless faith believes, Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden Priceless things to sense forbidden; Signs, not things are all we see: Blood is poured and flesh is broken, Yet in either wondrous token Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,

Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;

Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of Him Who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing, Of what divers dooms preparing, Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation, See how like participation Is with unlike issues rife.

When the sacrament is broken,

Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,

That each sever'd outward token
doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides, Breaking but the sign betides Jesus still the same abides, still unbroken does remain.



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The shorter form of the sequence begins here.

Lo! the angel's food is given

To the pilgrim who has striven;

see the children's bread from Heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal Lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very Bread, Good Shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of Your love befriend us, You refresh us, You defend us, Your eternal goodness send us In the land of life to see.

You Who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with Your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the Kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached Him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."

They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to Heaven, He said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



June 26, 2022: The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah:

"You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him.

Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you."

Elijah answered, "Go back! Have I done anything to you?"

Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

R. (cf. 5a) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you. O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,

you it is who hold fast my lot."

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall I

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,

nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.



June 26, 2022: The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (continued)

Second Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Brothers and sisters:

For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gospel Reading Luke 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and He sent messengers ahead of Him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for His reception there, but they would not welcome Him because the destination of His journey was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do You want us to call down fire from Heaven to consume them?"

Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go."

Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest His head."

And to another He said, "Follow Me."
But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father."

But He answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow You, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the

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Kingdom of God."