



# PROPER 25 IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR A

**Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18**

*A reading from the book of the Leviticus*

You must love your neighbor, as yourself.

The Lord said to Moses, “Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy. “You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand forth against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbor, lest you bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 1 [page 585]**

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

### *A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

We wish to hand over to you not only the Good News, but  
our lives as well.

You yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain; but though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile; but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness; nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Matthew 22:34-46**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,  
entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## **The ☩ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as  
yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, to test Him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet’? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask Him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord.