



PROPER 26 IN ORDINARY TIME

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses told the people, Fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your sons son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Hebrews 9:11-14

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ purifies our hearts from sin.

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Word of the Lord.

Mark 12:28-34

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

This is the first commandment, and the second is like unto it.

One of the scribes came up and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked them, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to Him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask Him any question.

The gospel of the Lord.