

## NINTH SUNDAY



*First Reading † Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28.32*

### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people:

‘Let these words of mine remain in your heart  
and in your soul;  
fasten them on your hand as a sign  
and on your forehead as a circlet.

‘See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:  
a blessing, if you obey the commandments  
of the Lord our God that I enjoin on you today;  
a curse, if you disobey the commandments  
of the Lord your God and leave the way  
I have marked out for you today,  
by going after other gods you have not known.

‘You must keep and observe  
all the laws and customs that I set before you today.’

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial † Psalm 30:2-4.17.25*

### ***Lord, be my rock of safety.***

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free,  
hear me and speedily rescue me.

### ***Lord, be my rock of safety.***

Be a rock of refuge to me,  
a mighty stronghold to save me,  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
For your name’s sake,  
lead me and guide me.

### ***Lord, be my rock of safety.***

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your love.  
Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the Lord.

***Lord, be my rock of safety.***

***Second Reading † Romans 3:21-25.28***

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*You are justified by faith, not by law.*

God's justice that was made known through the Law and the Prophets has now been revealed outside the Law, since it is the same justice of God that comes through faith to everyone, Jew and pagan alike, who believes in Jesus Christ.

Both Jew and pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory, and both are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith since, as we see it, a man is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells him to do.

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † John 15:5***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;  
those who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel † Matthew 7:21-27***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*A wise person builds his house on rock, not on sand.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord,"  
who will enter the kingdom of heaven,  
but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

'When the day comes many will say to me,  
"Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,  
cast out demons in your name, work miracles in your name?"

'Then I shall tell them to their faces:  
I have never known you; away from me, you evil men!

'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against the house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock.

'But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell: and what a fall it had!

The Gospel of the Lord.