

NINTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY Season of the Year A

First Reading † Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28.32

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I set before you today a blessing and a curse.

Moses said to the people:

‘You shall keep these words of mine in your heart and in your soul;
fasten them on your hand as a sign and on your forehead as a headband.

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

‘You must keep and observe all the laws and customs
which I am giving 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 righteousness, set me free;
incline your ear to me, and speedily rescue me.

Lord, be my rock of safety.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Lord, be my rock of safety.

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful 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

You are justified by faith, not by law.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Now, apart from the Law, God's righteousness, which was attested by the Law and the Prophets, has been revealed. God's righteousness comes to all who believe through faith in Jesus Christ.

There is no distinction, for all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, and all are freely justified by the gift of his grace through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ, whom God put forward as a reconciliation in his blood through faith, for we reckon that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of Heaven, only the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

'On that day many will say to me,
'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,
drive out demons in your name, do many deeds of power in your name?'

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

'Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible person who built a house on rock.

Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house,
and it did not fall: it was founded on rock.

'But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid person who built a 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.

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