



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Year C

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land
that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess
and you possess it and settle in it,
²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground,
which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you,
and you shall put it in a basket
and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose
as the place where the name of God dwells.
³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him,
“Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land
that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.”
⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand
and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,
⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God:
“A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;
he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number,
and there became a great nation, mighty and populous.
⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us,
by imposing hard labor on us,
⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors;
the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.
⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;
⁹and the LORD brought us into this place and gave us this land,
a land flowing with milk and honey.
¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground
that you, O LORD, have given me.”
You shall set it down before the LORD your God
and bow down before the LORD your God.
¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you,
shall celebrate with all the bounty
that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

^{8b}“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),
⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.
¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness,
and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.
¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in the Lord will be put to shame.”
¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God.
¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,

²where for forty days he was tested by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

⁴Jesus answered the devil, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the dominions of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸Jesus answered the devil, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only the Lord.’”

⁹Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

¹⁰for it is written, ‘God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered the devil, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³Having finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.