

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

A reading from Job.

O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

The shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 17:1-9

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, dear family, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction, ⁴who opposes and rises up above every so-called god or object of worship, to take a seat in the temple of God, and claiming to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, dear family beloved by the Lord,
because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
¹⁴For this purpose God called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
¹⁵So then, dear siblings, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to <code>Jesus</code> ²⁸and asked him a question:

"Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless;

³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

³²Finally the woman also died.

³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them,

"Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage,

³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

³⁶Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

³⁸Now God is God not of the dead but of the living, for to God all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.