

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 98

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every member of the community living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you,

⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you.

⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate.

¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³Dear family, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, 「Jesus said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And Jesus said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am the one!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

9"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

10 Then Jesus said to them,

"Nation will rise against nation and country against country;

11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before rulers and governors because of my name.

13This will give you an opportunity to testify.

14So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance,

15for I will give you words and a wisdom
that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

16You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings,
by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.

17You will be hated by all because of my name.

18But not a hair of your head will perish.

19By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.