

Daily Reading for Sunday, October 31st, 2021

Reading 1, *Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

² And hence, if, throughout your lives, you fear Yahweh your God and keep all his laws and commandments, which I am laying down for you today, you will live long, you and your child and your grandchild. ³ Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosperous and numerous, as Yahweh, God of your ancestors, has promised you, in giving you a country flowing with milk and honey. ⁴ 'Listen, Israel: Yahweh our God is the one, the only Yahweh. ⁵ You must love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. ⁶ Let the words I enjoin on you today stay in your heart.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 57*

² Yahweh is my rock and my fortress, my deliverer is my God. I take refuge in him, my rock, my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold, my place of refuge. ³ I call to Yahweh who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my foes. ⁴ With Death's breakers closing in on me, Belial's torrents ready to swallow me,

⁴⁷ the God who gives me vengeance, and subjects whole peoples to me,

Reading 2, *Hebrews 7:23-28*

²³ Further, the former priests were many in number, because death put an end to each one of them; ²⁴ but this one, because he remains for ever, has a perpetual priesthood. ²⁵ It follows, then, that his power to save those who come to God through him is absolute, since he lives for ever to intercede for them. ²⁶ Such is the high priest that met our need, holy, innocent and uncontaminated, set apart from sinners, and raised up above the heavens; ²⁷ he has no need to offer sacrifices every day, as the high priests do, first for their own sins and only then for those of the people; this he did once and for all by offering himself. ²⁸ The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel, *Mark 12:28-34*

²⁸ One of the scribes who had listened to them debating appreciated that Jesus had given a good answer and put a further question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' ²⁹ Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only Lord, ³⁰ and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' ³² The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true, that he is one and there is no other. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice.' ³⁴ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.