## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B

ENTRANCE CHANT Ps 38 (37): 22, 23, 2

E DERELÍNQUAS ME, Dómine Deus meus, ne discédas a me: inténde in adiutórium meum, Dómine virtus salútis meæ. V. Dómine, ne furóre tuo árguas me: neque in ira tua corrípias me. BANDON ME NOT, O Lord my God, do not depart from me; come to my assistance, O Lord, mainstay of my deliverance. V. O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; chastise me not in your wrath.

FIRST READING Deut 6: 2-6

OSES spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."



 $\hat{V}$ . I love you, O LORD, my strength, | O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

v. My God, my rock of refuge, | my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! | Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, | and I am safe from my enemies.

v. The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock! | Extolled be God my savior. | You who gave great victories to your king | and showed kindness to your anointed.

OR: GRADUAL Ps 48 (47): 10-11, 9

SUSCÉPIMUS, Deus, misericórdiam tuam in médio templi tui: secúndum nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terræ. V. Sicut audívimus, ita et vídimus in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto eius. E have received your mercy, O God, in the midst of your temple; even as your name, so does your praise extend to the ends of the earth.  $\hat{Y}$ . All that we have heard, we have now seen, in the city of our God, on his holy mountain.

## SECOND READING Heb 7: 23-28

B ROTHERS and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14: 23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

OR: ANCIENT ALLELUIA Ps 33 (32): 6

Verbo Dómini cæli firmáti sunt, et Spíritu oris eius omnis virtus eórum.

By the Word of the Lord, the heavens were established, and all the power therein by the Spirit of his mouth.

GOSPEL Mk 12: 28b-34

NE OF THE SCRIBES came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love* 

the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

OFFERTORY CHANT Ps 103 (102): 2, 5

BÉNEDIC ánima mea Dómino, et noli oblivísci omnes retributiónes eius: et renovábitur, sicut áquilæ, iuvéntus tua.

B LESS the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; and your youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

COMMUNION CHANT Ps 16 (15): 11

N OTAS mihi fecísti vias vitæ: adimplébis me lætítia cum vultu tuo, Dómine. Y OU have made known unto me the ways of life; you will fill me with joy at the sight of your countenance, O Lord.