

FIRST READING

Micah 6.1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice,

and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

For the Word of the LORD

SECOND READING

Luke 5.27-39

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went out and saw a tax collector, named Levi,
sitting at the tax booth;

and He said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up, left everything, and followed Him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for Him in his house;

and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others
sitting at the table with them.

The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to His disciples,
saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus answered,

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick;
I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Then they said to Him,

"John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees,
frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.

Jesus said to them,

"You cannot make wedding guests fast
while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"

The days will come when the bridegroom
will be taken away from them,
and then they will fast in those days."

He also told them a parable:

"No one tears a piece from a new garment
and sews it on an old garment;

otherwise the new will be torn,
and the piece from the new will not match the old.

And no one puts new wine into old wineskins;
otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled,
and the skins will be destroyed.

But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine,
but says, 'The old is good.'"

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