

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6.4-9

A reading from Deuteronomy

Hear, O Israel:
The LORD is our God,
the LORD alone.

You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your might.

Keep these words –
that I am commanding you today –
in your heart.

Recite them to your children
and talk about them when you are at home
and when you are away,
when you lie down
and when you rise.

Bind them as a sign on your hand,
fix them as an emblem on your forehead,
and write them on the door posts of your house
and on your gates.

For the Word of the LORD

SECOND READING John 17.1a,11b-19

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus looked up to heaven and said,...

...Holy Father,

protect them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them,
I protected them in your name that you have given me.

I guarded them,
and not one of them was lost
except the one destined to be lost,
so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you,
and I speak these things in the world
so that they may have my joy
made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word,
and the world has hated them
because they do not belong to the world,
just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world,
but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world,
just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth.

As you have sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself,
so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

For the Word of the LORD