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### SUNDAY

#### READING 1 1 SM 3:3B-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. (8a and 9a) **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,

to do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

#### READING 2 1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,  
and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also  
raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?  
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with  
him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is  
outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own  
body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy  
Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are  
not your own? For you have been purchased at a price.  
Therefore glorify God in your body.

#### GOSPEL JN 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he  
watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."  
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.  
Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,  
"What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which  
translated means Teacher -, "where are you staying?" He said  
to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw  
where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.  
It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of  
Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and  
followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told  
him, "We have found the Messiah" - which is translated Christ  
-. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said,  
"You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" -  
which is translated Peter.

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### MONDAY

#### READING 1 1 SM 15:16-23

Samuel said to Saul: "Stop! Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." Saul replied, "Speak!" Samuel then said: "Though little in your own esteem, are you not leader of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king of Israel and sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and put the sinful Amalekites under a ban of destruction. Fight against them until you have exterminated them.' Why then have you disobeyed the LORD? You have pounced on the spoil, thus displeasing the LORD." Saul answered Samuel: "I did indeed obey the LORD and fulfill the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought back Agag, and I have destroyed Amalek under the ban. But from the spoil the men took sheep and oxen, the best of what had been banned, to sacrifice to the LORD their God in Gilgal." But Samuel said: "Does the LORD so delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obedience to the command of the LORD? Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission than the fat of rams. For a sin like divination is rebellion, and presumption is the crime of idolatry. Because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he, too, has rejected you as ruler."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23

**R. (23b) To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

"Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you,  
for your burnt offerings are before me always.  
I take from your house no bullock,  
no goats out of your fold."

**R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

"Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?"

**R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

"When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it?  
Or do you think that I am like yourself?  
I will correct you by drawing them up before your eyes.

He that offers praise as a sacrifice glorifies me;  
and to him that goes the right way I will show the salvation of God."

**R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

#### GOSPEL MK 2:18-22

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to Jesus and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

### TUESDAY

#### READING 1 1 SM 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel:

"How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." But Samuel replied: "How can I go? Saul will hear of it and kill me." To this the LORD answered: "Take a heifer along and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I myself will tell you what to do; you are to anoint for me the one I point out to you."

Samuel did as the LORD had commanded him. When he entered Bethlehem, the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and inquired, "Is your visit peaceful, O seer?" He replied: "Yes! I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.

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So cleanse yourselves and join me today for the banquet."  
He also had Jesse and his sons cleanse themselves and invited them to the sacrifice. As they came, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because he sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and presented him before Samuel, who said, "The LORD has not chosen him." Next Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There - anoint him, for this is he!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and from that day on, the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. When Samuel took his leave, he went to Ramah.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 89:20, 21-22, 27-28

R. (21a) **I have found David, my servant.**

Once you spoke in a vision,  
and to your faithful ones you said:

"On a champion I have placed a crown;  
over the people I have set a youth."

R. **I have found David, my servant.**

"I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,  
That my hand may be always with him,  
and that my arm may make him strong."

R. **I have found David, my servant.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.'

And I will make him the first-born,  
highest of the kings of the earth."

R. **I have found David, my servant.**

### GOSPEL MK 2:23-28

As Jesus was passing through a field of grain on the sabbath, his disciples began to make a path while picking the heads of grain. At this the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?" He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry? How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of offering that only the priests could lawfully eat, and shared it with his companions?" Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

### WEDNESDAY

#### READING 1 1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

David spoke to Saul:

"Let your majesty not lose courage. I am at your service to go and fight this Philistine." But Saul answered David, "You cannot go up against this Philistine and fight with him, for you are only a youth, while he has been a warrior from his youth."

David continued:

"The LORD, who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear, will also keep me safe from the clutches of this Philistine." Saul answered David, "Go! the LORD will be with you."

Then, staff in hand, David selected five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag. With his sling also ready to hand, he approached the Philistine.

With his shield bearer marching before him, the Philistine also advanced closer and closer to David. When he had sized David up, and seen that he was youthful, and ruddy, and

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handsome in appearance, the Philistine held David in contempt. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog that you come against me with a staff?" Then the Philistine cursed David by his gods and said to him, "Come here to me, and I will leave your flesh for the birds of the air and the beasts of the field." David answered him: "You come against me with sword and spear and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel that you have insulted. Today the LORD shall deliver you into my hand; I will strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will leave your corpse and the corpses of the Philistine army for the birds of the air and the beasts of the field; thus the whole land shall learn that Israel has a God. All this multitude, too, shall learn that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves. For the battle is the LORD's and he shall deliver you into our hands."

The Philistine then moved to meet David at close quarters, while David ran quickly toward the battle line in the direction of the Philistine. David put his hand into the bag and took out a stone, hurled it with the sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone embedded itself in his brow, and he fell prostrate on the ground. Thus David overcame the Philistine with sling and stone; he struck the Philistine mortally, and did it without a sword. Then David ran and stood over him; with the Philistine's own sword which he drew from its sheath he dispatched him and cut off his head.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10

**R. (1) Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war.

**R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

My refuge and my fortress,

my stronghold, my deliverer,

My shield, in whom I trust,

who subdues my people under me.

**R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

O God, I will sing a new song to you;

with a ten-stringed lyre I will chant your praise,

You who give victory to kings,

and deliver David, your servant from the evil sword.

**R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

### GOSPEL MK 3:1-6

Jesus entered the synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand. They watched Jesus closely to see if he would cure him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Come up here before us." Then he said to the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" But they remained silent. Looking around at them with anger and grieved at their hardness of heart, Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him to put him to death.

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### THURSDAY

### READING 1 1 SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7

When David and Saul approached (on David's return after slaying the Philistine), women came out from each of the cities of Israel to meet King Saul, singing and dancing, with tambourines, joyful songs, and sistrums. The women played and sang:

"Saul has slain his thousands,

and David his ten thousands."

Saul was very angry and resentful of the song, for he thought:

"They give David ten thousands, but only thousands to me.

All that remains for him is the kingship." And from that day on, Saul was jealous of David.

Saul discussed his intention of killing David with his son Jonathan and with all his servants. But Saul's son Jonathan, who was very fond of David, told him: "My father Saul is trying to kill you. Therefore, please be on your guard

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tomorrow morning; get out of sight and remain in hiding. I, however, will go out and stand beside my father in the countryside where you are, and will speak to him about you. If I learn anything, I will let you know."

Jonathan then spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him: "Let not your majesty sin against his servant David, for he has committed no offense against you, but has helped you very much by his deeds. When he took his life in his hands and slew the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great victory for all Israel through him, you were glad to see it. Why, then, should you become guilty of shedding innocent blood by killing David without cause?" Saul heeded Jonathan's plea and swore, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be killed." So Jonathan summoned David and repeated the whole conversation to him. Jonathan then brought David to Saul, and David served him as before.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 56:2-3, 9-10A, 10B-11, 12-13

R. (5b) **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

Have mercy on me, O God, for men trample upon me;  
all the day they press their attack against me.  
My adversaries trample upon me all the day;  
yes, many fight against me.

R. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

My wanderings you have counted;  
my tears are stored in your flask;  
are they not recorded in your book?  
Then do my enemies turn back,  
when I call upon you.

R. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

Now I know that God is with me.  
In God, in whose promise I glory,  
in God I trust without fear;  
what can flesh do against me?

R. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

I am bound, O God, by vows to you;  
your thank offerings I will fulfill.  
For you have rescued me from death,

my feet, too, from stumbling;  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.  
R. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

GOSPEL MK 3:7-12

Jesus withdrew toward the sea with his disciples. A large number of people followed from Galilee and from Judea. Hearing what he was doing, a large number of people came to him also from Jerusalem, from Idumea, from beyond the Jordan, and from the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him. He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him. And whenever unclean spirits saw him they would fall down before him and shout, "You are the Son of God." He warned them sternly not to make him known.

FRIDAY

READING 1 1 SM 24:3-21

Saul took three thousand picked men from all Israel and went in search of David and his men in the direction of the wild goat crags. When he came to the sheepfolds along the way, he found a cave, which he entered to relieve himself. David and his men were occupying the inmost recesses of the cave.

David's servants said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'I will deliver your enemy into your grasp; do with him as you see fit.'" So David moved up and stealthily cut off an end of Saul's mantle. Afterward, however, David regretted that he had cut off an end of Saul's mantle. He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, as to lay a hand on him, for he is the LORD's anointed." With these words David restrained his men and would not permit them to attack Saul. Saul then left the cave and went on his way. David also stepped out of the cave, calling to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked back, David bowed to the ground in

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homage and asked Saul: "Why do you listen to those who say, 'David is trying to harm you'? You see for yourself today that the LORD just now delivered you into my grasp in the cave. I had some thought of killing you, but I took pity on you instead. I decided, 'I will not raise a hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed and a father to me.' Look here at this end of your mantle which I hold. Since I cut off an end of your mantle and did not kill you, see and be convinced that I plan no harm and no rebellion. I have done you no wrong, though you are hunting me down to take my life. The LORD will judge between me and you, and the LORD will exact justice from you in my case. I shall not touch you. The old proverb says, 'From the wicked comes forth wickedness.' So I will take no action against you. Against whom are you on campaign, O king of Israel? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog, or a single flea! The LORD will be the judge; he will decide between me and you. May he see this, and take my part, and grant me justice beyond your reach!" When David finished saying these things to Saul, Saul answered, "Is that your voice, my son David?" And Saul wept aloud. Saul then said to David: "You are in the right rather than I; you have treated me generously, while I have done you harm. Great is the generosity you showed me today, when the LORD delivered me into your grasp and you did not kill me. For if a man meets his enemy, does he send him away unharmed? May the LORD reward you generously for what you have done this day. And now, I know that you shall surely be king and that sovereignty over Israel shall come into your possession."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 57:2, 3-4, 6 AND 11

R. (2a) **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**

Have mercy on me, O God; have mercy on me,  
for in you I take refuge.

In the shadow of your wings I take refuge,  
till harm pass by.

R. **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**

I call to God the Most High,  
to God, my benefactor.

May he send from heaven and save me;

may he make those a reproach who trample upon me;

may God send his mercy and his faithfulness.

R. **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**

Be exalted above the heavens, O God;  
above all the earth be your glory!

For your mercy towers to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the skies.

R. **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**

### GOSPEL MK 3:13-19

Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him. He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles, that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons: He appointed the Twelve: Simon, whom he named Peter; James, son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, whom he named Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder; Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

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### SATURDAY

#### READING 1 2 SM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

David returned from his defeat of the Amalekites and spent two days in Ziklag. On the third day a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. Going to David, he fell to the ground in homage. David asked him, "Where do you come from?" He replied, "I have escaped from the camp of the children of Israel." "Tell me what happened," David bade him. He answered that many of the soldiers had fled the battle and that many of them had fallen and were dead, among them Saul and his son Jonathan.

David seized his garments and rent them, and all the men who were with him did likewise. They mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the soldiers of the LORD of the clans of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. "Alas! the glory of Israel, Saul,

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slain upon your heights; how can the warriors have fallen!

"Saul and Jonathan, beloved and cherished, separated neither in life nor in death, swifter than eagles, stronger than lions!  
Women of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and in finery, who decked your attire with ornaments of gold.

"How can the warriors have fallen? in the thick of the battle, slain upon your heights!

"I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother! most dear have you been to me; more precious have I held love for you than love for women.

"How can the warriors have fallen, the weapons of war have perished!"

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 80:2-3, 5-7

**R. (4b) Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,

O guide of the flock of Joseph!

From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

**R. Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

O LORD of hosts, how long will you burn with anger  
while your people pray?

You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in ample measure.

You have left us to be fought over by our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.

**R. Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

### GOSPEL MK 3:20-21

Jesus came with his disciples into the house. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."