

Gospel Acclamation Selections

Gospel Acclamation 1 1 Jn 4:8, 11

Alleluia, alleluia!
God is love;
let us love one another as God has loved us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation 2 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
As long as we love one another
God will live in us,
and his love will be complete in us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation 3 1 Jn 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Anyone who lives in love
lives in God,
and God lives in him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation 4 1 Jn 4:7

Alleluia, alleluia!
Everyone who loves is begotten by God,
and knows God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Selections

(choose one from the Gospels)

GOSPEL READING 1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again?
It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out
to be trampled underfoot by men.
You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;
they put it on the lampstand where it shines for everyone in the house.
In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men,
so that, seeing your good works,
they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 3

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

7:21, 24-29

He built his house on rock.

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘It is not those who say to me, “Lord, Lord”,
who will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.
Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine
and acts on them will be like a sensible man
who built his house on rock.
Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against the house,
and it did not fall: it was founded on rock.
But everyone who listens to these words of mine

and does not act on them will be like a stupid man
who built his house on sand.
Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck his house,
and it fell; and what a fall it had!’
Jesus had now finished what he wanted to say,
and his teaching made a deep impression on the people
because he taught them with authority, and not like their own scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

7:21, 24-25

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘It is not those who say to me, “Lord, Lord”,
who will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.
Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock.
Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew
and hurled themselves against the house,
and it did not fall: it was founded on rock.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 4

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

19:3-6

What God has united, man must not divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and to test him they said,
‘Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext whatever?’
He answered, ‘Have you not read that the creator from the beginning
made them male and female and that he said:
This is why a man must leave father and mother,
and cling to his wife, and the two become one body?
They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.
So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

22:35-40

This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it.

A lawyer, to disconcert Jesus, put a question,
‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’
Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second resembles it:
You must love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:6-9

They are no longer two, but one body.

Jesus said, ‘From the beginning of creation
God made them male and female.
This is why a man must leave father and mother,
and the two become one body.
They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.
So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.
The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.
When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding
was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him,
‘They have no more wine.’ Jesus said,
‘Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.’
His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’
There were six stone water jars standing there,
meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews:
each could hold twenty or thirty gallons,
Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water,’ and they filled them to the brim.
‘Draw some out now,’ he told them, ‘and take it to the steward.’
They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.
Having no idea where it came from—

only the servants who had drawn the water knew—
the steward called the bridegroom and said,
‘People generally serve the best wine first,
and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink,
but you have kept the best wine till now.’
This was the first of the signs given by Jesus:
it was given at Cana in Galilee.
He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

15:9-12

Remain in my love.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I loved you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

15:12-16

What I command you is to love one another.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants anymore,
because a servant does not know
his master’s business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING 10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

17:20-26

May they be completely one.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
‘Holy Father, I pray not only for these,
but for those also who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.
Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

17:20-23

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.