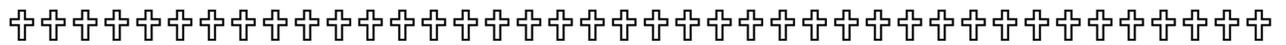


NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



1. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (long form – 10:34-43)

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“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation, whoever fears Him
and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him.

You know the word that He sent to the children of Israel
as He proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is the Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil,
for God was with Him.

We are witnesses of all that He did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree.

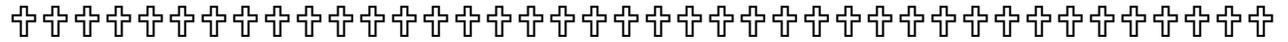
This man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the one
appointed by God as the judge of the living and the dead.

To Him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in Him
will receive forgiveness of sins through His Name.”

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



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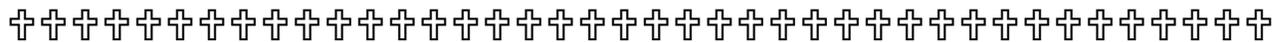
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The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



2. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:5-11)

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit
who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die
for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves His love for us
in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

How much more then,
since we are now justified by His Blood,
will we be saved through Him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by His life.

Not only that,
but we also boast of God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



3. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:17-21)

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive
the abundance of grace
and of the gift of justification
come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

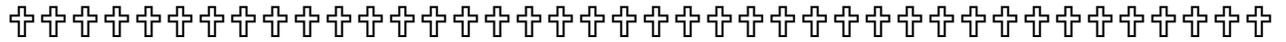
In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so, through one righteous act
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of one man
the many were made sinners
so through the obedience of the one
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase
but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,
so that, as sin reigned in death,
grace also might reign through justification for eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



4. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (long form - 6:3-9)

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into His death?

We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in the newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with Him
through a death like His,
we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with Him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

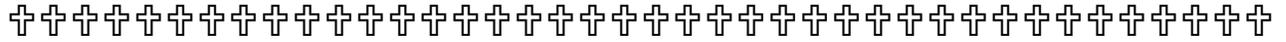
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with Him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death has no longer power over Him.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



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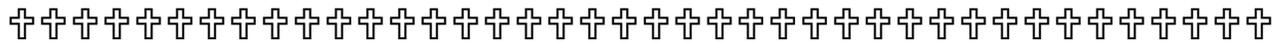
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death has no longer power over Him.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



5. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:14-23)

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear
but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, *Abba*, “*Father!*”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with Him
so that we may also be glorified with Him.

I consider that sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains
even until now; and not only that,
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



6. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:31b-35, 37-39)

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all,
will He not also give us everything else along with Him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
who is also at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

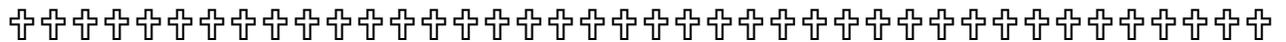
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



7. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (long form - 14:7-9, 10c-12)

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bend before me
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an account of ourselves to God.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



7. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (short form -14:7-9)

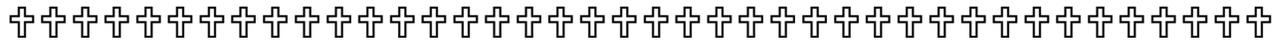
Brothers and sisters:

The life and death of each of us
has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die, we die for the Lord,
so that alive or dead we belong to Him.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life,
it was so that He might be the Lord both of the dead
and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



9. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:12-20)

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,
how is it that some of you say
there is no resurrection of the dead?

If there is no resurrection of the dead,
then Christ Himself has not been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised,
our preaching is void of content
and your faith is empty too.

Indeed, we should then be exposed
as false witnesses of God,
for we have borne witness before Him that He raised Christ;
but He certainly did not raise Him up
if the dead are not raised.

Why? Because if the dead are not raised,
then Christ was not raised;
and if Christ was not raised,
your faith is worthless.

You are still in your sins,
and those who have fallen asleep in Christ
are the deadest of the dead.

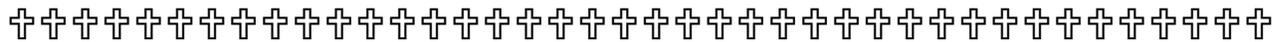
If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only,
we are the most pitiable of all.

But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

In Him, all shall be made alive.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



10. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(long form - 1 Cor. 15:20-28)

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.

For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the first fruits;
then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when He hands over the kingdom to His God and Father.

For He must reign until He has put all His enemies
under His feet.

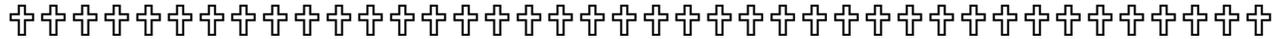
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for *He subjected everything under His feet.*

But when it says that everything has been subjected,
it is clear that it excludes the One who subjected
everything to Him.

When everything is subjected to Him,
then the Son Himself will also be subjected
to the One who subjected everything to Him,
so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



10. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(short form - 1 Cor. 15:20-23)

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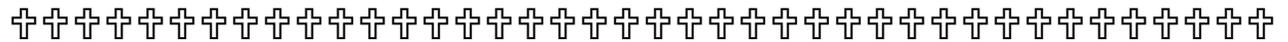
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Christ the first fruits;
then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



12. A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(2 Cor. 4:14-5:1)

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in His presence.

Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance
on more and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow
for the glory of God.

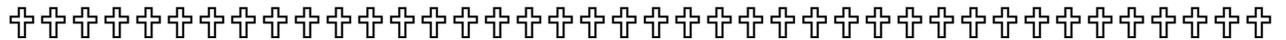
Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather,
although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen, but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory,
but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



13. A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(2 Cor. 5:1, 6-10)

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith and not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body
and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please Him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body,
whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



14. A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (3:20-21)

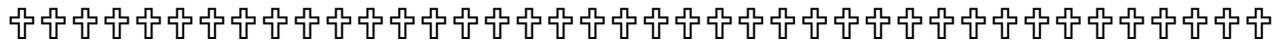
Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we also await a savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body
to conform with His glorified Body
by the power that enables Him also
to bring all things into subjection to Himself.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



15. A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be unaware, brother and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord Himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



16. A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 2:8-13)

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
a descendant of David:
such is my gospel, for which I am suffering,
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything
for the sake of those who are chosen,
so that they too may obtain the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

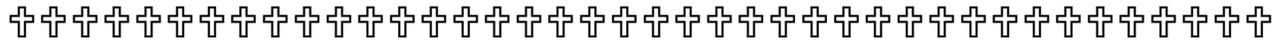
*If we have died with Him,
we shall also live with Him;
if we persevere,
we shall also reign with Him.*

*But if we deny Him,
He will deny us.*

*If we are unfaithful,
He remains faithful,
for He cannot deny Himself.*

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



17. A reading from the first letter of St. Peter (1 Pt. 2:4-6, 9-10)

Come to the Lord, a living stone,
rejected by humans
but approved, nonetheless,
and precious in God's eyes.

You too are living stones,
built as an edifice of spirit,
into a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

For Scripture has it:

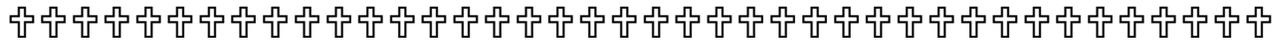
*Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and the one who believes in Him
will not be put to shame.*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him
who called you out of darkness
into His marvelous light.

Once you were no people
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



18. A reading from the first letter of St. John (1 Jn. 3:1-2)

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know Him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



19. A reading from the first letter of St. John (1 Jn. 3:14-16)

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers and sisters.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates another is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life
remaining in him.

The way we came to know love
was that He laid down His life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



20. A reading from the book of Revelation (14:13-14)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, *Write this:*
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.

Yes, said the Spirit,
let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



22. A reading from the book of Revelation (21:1-8)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the Holy City, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

*He will dwell with them and they will be His people
and God Himself will always be with them as their God.*

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.*

The One who sat on the throne said,
Behold, I make all things new.

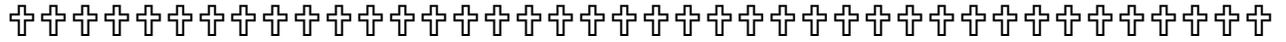
*I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.*

*To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.*

*The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God,
and he will be my son.*

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



23. A reading from the second Letter of St. Timothy (2 Tim. 4:1-3, 6-8)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who will judge the living and the dead,
and by His appearing and His kindly power:
proclaim the word;
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

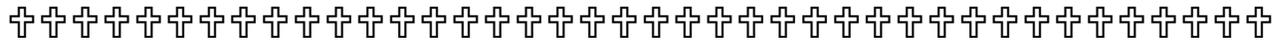
For I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well;
I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day,
and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for His appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS



24. A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (Ep. 2:4-10)

But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ, raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
that in the ages to come he might show
the immeasurable riches of his grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;
it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.

The Word of the Lord.

