



# TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Myeongdong  
Catholic Cathedral  
Archdiocese  
of Seoul  
Aug 25th, 2024

**1st Reading: JOS 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**

**Reader: A reading from the Book of Joshua**

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21**

**R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R.**

2. The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry.

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. **R.**

3. When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. **R.**

4. Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. **R.**

**2nd Reading: EPH 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32**

**Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.**

Brothers and sisters:  
Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia; JN 6:63c, 68c**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel: JN 6:60-69**

**Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to John**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said,  
"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"  
Since Jesus knew that his disciples were  
murmuring about this,  
he said to them, "Does this shock you?  
What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending  
to where he was before?  
It is the spirit that gives life,  
while the flesh is of no avail.  
The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.  
But there are some of you who do not believe."  
Jesus knew from the beginning the ones  
who would not believe  
and the one who would betray him.  
And he said,  
"For this reason I have told you that no  
one can come to me  
unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this,  
many of his disciples returned to their  
former way of life  
and no longer accompanied him.  
Jesus then said to the Twelve,  
"Do you also want to leave?"  
Simon Peter answered him,  
"Master, to whom shall we go?"

You have the words of eternal life.  
We have come to believe  
and are convinced that you are the Holy  
One of God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Confession on Chuseok**

There will be no confession 16th to 18th, Sep  
while all the masses will be held as scheduled.  
The office will also be closed during this period.

Day	Time	Place
Friday	16:00 - 18:00	GaeSung Girl's
Saturday	15:00 - 17:00	High school, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Sunday	08:30 - 08:50	Front left side of the Church

Those who need the sacrament of confession  
or other sacraments can contact Father Isaac  
directly via email: [isaacseoul@gmail.com](mailto:isaacseoul@gmail.com)

**New Classes Open for First  
Communion / Confirmation**

**<First Communion>**

Tentative schedule for the first class is on  
September 22, 2024.

**<Confirmation>**

The first class is on September 15, 2024. The  
sacrament of confirmation is scheduled on  
October 27, 2024.

All the registration forms can be downloaded  
on our website: [www.mdsd.or.kr](http://www.mdsd.or.kr) (Change the  
language setting into English => Click  
"News" on the left) After you fill out the  
form, you can bring it on Sunday or send it  
through email: [isaacseoul@gmail.com](mailto:isaacseoul@gmail.com)

**Please return the hymnbooks to the  
volunteers at the exit gates after mass.**

**Today's Hymns**

Entrance	712	THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY
Offering	567	GOD, WE PRAISE YOU
Communion	719	WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS
	807	SEE US, LORD, ABOUT YOUR ALTAR
Recessional	680	AMAZING GRACE

**"It is the spirit that gives life,  
while the flesh is of no avail."**

(JN 6:63)