

READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people,] ¹Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite 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. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8

Cantor sings refrain. Assembly repeats refrain. Cantor sings verses. Assembly sings refrain (R).



Hap-py are they who seek the LORD with all their hearts.

- ¹Happy are they whose | way is blameless,
who follow the teaching | of the LORD!
- ²Happy are they who observe | your decrees
and seek you with | all their hearts,
- ³who never do | any wrong,
but always walk | in your ways.
- ⁴You laid down | your commandments,
that we should | fully keep them. **R**
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct
that I might | keep your statutes!
- ⁶Then I should not be | put to shame,
when I regard all | your commandments.
- ⁷I will thank you with | a true heart,
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.
- ⁸I will | keep your statutes;
do not utter- | ly forsake me. **R**

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.