



DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL JUNE 26, 2022

FIRST READING

NEH 8: 1-4A, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the Assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the Lord, the Great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the Lord, their faces to the ground.

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:

“Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

He said further: “Go eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared, for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19: 8, 9, 10, 15

R. Your words Lord are Spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
Refreshing the soul,
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
Giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words Lord are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart,
The command of the Lord is clear,
Enlightening the eye.

R. Your words Lord are Spirit and life.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
Enduring forever,
The ordinances of the Lord are true,
All of them just.

R. Your words Lord are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth,
And the thought of my heart,
Find favor before the Lord,
My rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words Lord are Spirit and life.



SECOND READING

1 PT 2: 4-9

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it says in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.”

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.” They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

GOSPEL

JOHN 4: 19-24

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.”