

**FIRST READING**

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**B**rothers and sisters:

When you eat or drink or do anything else,  
always do it to honor God.

Don't cause problems for Jews or Greeks  
or anyone else who belongs to God's church.

I always try to please others instead of myself,  
in the hope that many of them will be saved.

You must follow my example,  
as I follow the example of Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 32:1, 5ab, 11*

**All:** *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.*

*Our God, you bless everyone  
whose sins you forgive and wipe away.*

**All:** *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.*

*So I confessed my sins  
and told them all to you.*

**All:** *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.*

*And so your good people  
should celebrate and shout.*

**All:** *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.*

**GOSPEL**  
Mark 1:40–45

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

A man with leprosy came to Jesus and kneeled down.  
He begged, "You have the power to make me well,  
if only you wanted to."

Jesus felt sorry for the man.  
So he put his hand on him and said, "I want to!  
Now you are well."  
At once the man's leprosy disappeared,  
and he was well.

After Jesus strictly warned the man,  
he sent him on his way.  
He said, "Don't tell anyone about this.  
Just go and show the priest that you are well.  
Then take a gift to the temple as Moses commanded,  
and everyone will know that you have been healed."

The man talked about it so much and told so many people,  
that Jesus could no longer go openly into a town.  
He had to stay away from the towns,  
but people still came to him from everywhere.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**