

**FIRST READING**

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah**

**T**he LORD spoke to Jonah and said,  
“Jonah, go to that great city of Nineveh  
and speak to them for me.”

Jonah obeyed the LORD and went to Nineveh.  
The city was so large that it took three days just to walk through it.  
After walking for a day, Jonah told the people,  
“Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed.”

They believed God’s message  
and they set a time when they would all go without eating.  
Then everyone in the city, no matter who they were,  
also dressed in sackcloth.

When God saw that the people had stopped doing evil things,  
he had pity on them and did not destroy them,  
as he had said.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 25:4–5abc, 6 &  
7cd, 8–9*

**All:** *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

*Show me your paths  
and teach me to follow;  
guide me by your truth  
and instruct me.  
You keep me safe.*

**All:** *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

*Please, LORD, remember,  
you have always  
been patient and kind.  
Show how truly kind you are  
and remember me.*

**All:** *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

*You are honest and merciful,  
and you teach sinners  
how to follow your path.  
You lead humble people  
to do what is right  
and to stay on your path.*

**All:** *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL**  
Mark 1:14–20

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

After John was arrested,  
Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.  
He said, "The time has come!  
God's kingdom will soon be here.  
Turn back to God and believe the good news!"

As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew.  
They were fishermen and were casting their nets into the lake.  
Jesus said to them, "Come with me!  
I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish."  
Right then the two brothers dropped their nets  
and went with him.

Jesus walked on and soon saw James and John,  
the sons of Zebedee.  
They were in a boat, mending their nets.  
At once Jesus asked them to come with him.  
They left their father in the boat with the hired workers  
and went with him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**