

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:18–19

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord said to Moses:

I will choose one of their own people to be a prophet like you.

I will give my message to that prophet,
who will tell the people exactly what I have said.

That prophet will speak in my name,
and anyone who doesn't obey the message
will have to answer to me.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7abcd

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

*Sing joyful songs to the LORD!
Praise the mighty rock
where we are safe.
Come to worship him
with thankful hearts
and songs of praise.*

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

*Bow down and worship
the LORD our Creator!
The LORD is our God,
and we are his people,
the sheep he takes care of
in his own pasture.*

All: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

GOSPEL
Mark 1:21–28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples went to the town of Capernaum.
Then on the next Sabbath
he went into the Jewish meeting place
and started teaching.
Everyone was amazed at his teaching.
He taught with authority,
and not like the teachers of the Law of Moses.

Suddenly a man with an evil spirit in him
entered the meeting place and yelled,
“Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us?
Have you come to destroy us?
I know who you are!
You are God’s Holy One.”

Jesus told the evil spirit,
“Be quiet and come out of the man!”
The spirit shook him.
Then it gave a loud shout and left.

Everyone was completely surprised
and kept saying to each other,
“What is this?
It must be some new kind of powerful teaching!
Even the evil spirits obey him.”
News about Jesus quickly spread
all over that part of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.