

Second Reading – Choose E, F, G, or H

Second Reading E

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brother and Sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues

But do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over

injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading G

Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness

and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving

one another, if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,

that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,

the peace into which you were also called in one

Body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one

another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading F

Ephesians 5:2a, 25-35

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us

and handed himself over for us.

Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ loved the Church

and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,

cleansing her by the bath of water with word,

that he might present to himself the Church in

splendor, without wrinkle or any such thing,

that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own

bodies. He who lives his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh

but rather nourishes and cherishes it,

even as Christ does the Church,

because we are members of his Body.

For this reason man shall leave his father and his mother

and be joined to his wife, and the two shall

become one flesh.

This is a great mystery,

but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading H

1 John 4:7-12

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved, let us love one another,

because love is of God;

everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows

God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is

love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only-begotten Son into the world

so that we might have life through him.

In this love:

not that we have loved, but that he has loved us

and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us,

we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,

and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the Lord.