

**LITURGY OF THE WORD
FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION
OR CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

**(FOR USE WHEN THE RITE IS CELEBRATED OUTSIDE OF MASS OR ON A DAY OTHER THAN THE
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.)**

GREETING AND COLLECT

Presider:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

Presider:

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

Presider may offer welcome.

Presider:

Let us pray.

O God, who though you are ever the cause
of the salvation of the human race
now gladden your people with grace in still greater measure,
look mercifully, we pray, upon your chosen ones,
that your compassionate and protecting help
may defend both those yet to be born anew
and those already reborn.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/ Amen.

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First Reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

"You are a people sacred to the Lord, your God;
he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth
to be a people specially his own.

It was not because you are the largest of all nations
that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you,
for you are really the smallest of all nations.

It was because the Lord loved you
and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn to your fathers, that
he brought you out with his strong hand from the place of slavery, and
ransomed you from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Understand, then, that the Lord, your God, is God indeed,
the faithful God who keeps his merciful covenant down to the thousandth
generation

toward those who love him and keep his commandments.

Therefore carefully observe the commandments,
the statutes and decrees which I enjoin on you today."

The Word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95)

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.
this I command you: love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily