

**FIRST READING**

Even these may forget, says the Lord God; yet I will never forget you.

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

49:14-15

**T**he people of Jerusalem said,  
**“The LORD has deserted us and forgotten all about us.”**

**The LORD replied:**

**“Could a mother forget a child that nurses at her breast  
 or fail to love the one who came from her own body?**

**Even if a mother could forget,  
 I will never forget you.”**

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

62:1-2, 7-8abc

**R/. (6a) Rest in God alone, my soul.**

**Only God can save me,  
 and I calmly wait for him.  
 God alone is the mighty rock  
 that keeps me safe  
 and the fortress  
 where I feel secure.**

**R/. Rest in God alone, my soul.**

**God saves me and honors me.  
 He is that mighty rock  
 where I find safety.  
 Trust God, my friends,  
 and always tell him  
 each one of your concerns.**

**R/. Rest in God alone, my soul.**

**ALLELUIA**

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.**

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

Do not worry about tomorrow.

✠ **A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

6:24-34

**J**esus said to his disciples:

**“You cannot be the slave of two masters!**

**You will like one more than the other**

**or be more loyal to one than the other.**

**You cannot serve both God and money.**

**“I tell you not to worry about your life.**

**Don’t worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear.**

**Isn’t life more than food or clothing?**

**Look at the birds in the sky!**

**They don’t plant or harvest.**

**They don’t even store grain in barns.**

**Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them.**

**Aren’t you worth more than birds?**

**“Can worry make you live longer?**

**Why worry about clothes?**

**Look how the wild flowers grow.**

**They don’t work hard to make their clothes.**

**But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth**

**was not as well clothed as one of them.**

**God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields,**

**even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow.**

**He will surely do even more for you!**

**Why do you have such little faith?**

**“Don’t worry and ask yourselves,  
‘Will we have anything to eat?  
Will we have anything to drink?  
Will we have clothes to wear?’  
Only people who don’t know God are always worrying about such things.  
Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these.  
But more than anything else,  
    put God’s work first and do what he wants.  
Then all the other things will be yours as well.  
“Don’t worry about tomorrow.  
It will take care of itself.  
You have enough to worry about today.”**

**The gospel of the Lord.**