

### **The First Reading: Amos 5:6,7,10-15**

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire;  
it will devour,

and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup> You who turn justice into bitterness  
and cast righteousness to the ground

<sup>10</sup> you hate the one who reproves in court  
and despise him who tells the truth.

<sup>11</sup> You trample on the poor  
and force him to give you grain.

Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,  
you will not live in them;  
though you have planted lush vineyards,  
you will not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your offenses  
and how great your sins.

You oppress the righteous and take bribes  
and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times,  
for the times are evil.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good, not evil,  
that you may live.

Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,  
just as you say he is.

<sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good;  
maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy  
on the remnant of Joseph.

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6**

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup>He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house

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itself. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup>Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. <sup>6</sup>But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-27**

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

<sup>3</sup>"What did Moses command you?" he replied.

<sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

<sup>5</sup>"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup>"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

<sup>10</sup>When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.

<sup>11</sup>He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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