

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm

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I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?
**²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**
³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
**⁴He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
**⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
**⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.