

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.*

But I say to you,  
whoever is angry with brother  
will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said,  
*You shall not commit adultery.*

But I say to you,  
everyone who looks at a woman with lust  
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
*Do not take a false oath,*  
*but make good to the Lord all that you vow.*

But I say to you, do not swear at all.  
Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'  
Anything more is from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
[Longer: Matthew 5:17-37]



**Sunday, February 22**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground  
and blew into his nostrils the breath of life,  
and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,  
and placed there the man whom he had formed.  
Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow  
that were delightful to look at and good for food,  
with the tree of life in the middle of the garden  
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals  
that the LORD God had made.