**Friday 2 October 2020**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

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**First reading**

**Exodus 23:20-23**

**I myself will send an angel before you**

The Lord says this: ‘I myself will send an angel before you to guard you as you go and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Give him reverence and listen to all that he says. Offer him no defiance; he would not pardon such a fault, for my name is in him. If you listen carefully to his voice and do all that I say, I shall be enemy to your enemies, foe to your foes. My angel will go before you.’

The word of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 90(91):1-6,10-11**

*The Lord has commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

and abides in the shade of the Almighty

says to the Lord: ‘My refuge,

my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’

*The Lord has commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.*

It is he who will free you from the snare

of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;

he will conceal you with his pinions

and under his wings you will find refuge.

*The Lord has commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.*

You will not fear the terror of the night

nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the plague that prowls in the darkness

nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

*The Lord has commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.*

Upon you no evil shall fall,

no plague approach where you dwell.

For you has he commanded his angels,

to keep you in all your ways.

*The Lord has commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.*

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Ps102:21**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,

his servants who do his will.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to **N.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**Gospel**

**Matthew 18:1-5,10**

**Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me**

The disciples came to Jesus and said, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ So he called a little child to him and set the child in front of them. Then he said, ‘I tell you solemnly, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. And so, the one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

‘Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven are continually in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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