



*THE GOSPEL.* Matthew 22:34-40

*The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.*

*“Love the Lord, your God  
with all your heart  
with all your soul  
and with all  
your mind.*

*“And love your neighbour  
as yourself.”*

Lord,  
let this be.  
Show us how.

Let  
your love be  
the lens that lets us see,  
the map that takes us where we go,  
the power that enlivens our lives,  
the light pointing to the path,  
and the very grace  
that saves  
us.

O  
God,  
kindly  
fill us with  
your  
love.

*THE FIRST READING.* Exodus 22:20-26

*If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.*

Lord,  
remind us  
that the needy:  
the immigrants—the  
widows, the oppressed,  
the victims of discrimination,  
the orphans, the poor,  
our common home,  
all our neighbors—  
are for sure  
friends of  
yours.

Make  
them our  
friends too. Let  
us be your compassion.

*THE SECOND READING.* 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.*

Paul's people received the word  
from the Holy Spirit.  
with joy.

They did not just light a lamp;  
they became the lamp.

Everyone they met  
could find the  
way.

O God,  
send your Spirit.

Let us too be  
your light. Anne Osdieck

