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FRIDAY

FIRST READING

Here comes the man of dreams; let us kill him.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons,
for he was the child of his old age;
and he had made him a long tunic.

When his brothers saw that their father loved him best of all his sons,
they hated him so much that they would not even greet him.

One day, when his brothers had gone
to pasture their father's flocks at Shechem,
Israel said to Joseph,

“Your brothers, you know, are tending our flocks at Shechem.
Get ready; I will send you to them.”

So Joseph went after his brothers and caught up with them in Dothan.
They noticed him from a distance,

and before he came up to them, they plotted to kill him.
They said to one another: “Here comes that master dreamer!
Come on, let us kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns
here;

we could say that a wild beast devoured him.
We shall then see what comes of his dreams.”

When Reuben heard this,
he tried to save him from their hands, saying,
“We must not take his life.

Instead of shedding blood,” he continued,
“just throw him into that cistern there in the desert;
but do not kill him outright.”

His purpose was to rescue him from their hands
and return him to his father.

So when Joseph came up to them,
they stripped him of the long tunic he had on;
then they took him and threw him into the cistern,
which was empty and dry.

They then sat down to their meal.

Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead,
their camels laden with gum, balm and resin
to be taken down to Egypt.

Judah said to his brothers:

“What is to be gained by killing our brother and concealing his
blood?

Rather, let us sell him to these Ishmaelites,
instead of doing away with him ourselves.

After all, he is our brother, our own flesh.”

His brothers agreed.

They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R/. (5a) Remember the marvels the
Lord has done.

When the LORD called down a famine
on the land
and ruined the crop that sustained
them,

He sent a man before them,
Joseph, sold as a slave.

R/. Remember the marvels the Lord
has done.

They had weighed him down with
fetters,

and he was bound with chains,

Till his prediction came to pass
and the word of the LORD proved
him true.

R/. Remember the marvels the Lord
has done.

The king sent and released him,
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions.

R/. Remember the marvels the Lord
has done.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son;
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

