

he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

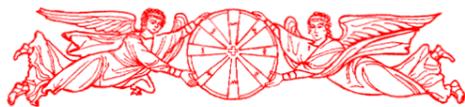
And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Ash Wednesday The Beginning of Lent A B C

THE FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

A reading from the Prophet Joel.

“Yet even now,” says the Lord: “Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Who knows whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, a cereal offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare thy people, O Lord, and make not thy heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

Then the Lord became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

In those days:

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

Then he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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R. The King of glory shall come in.

The earth is the Lord’s,
and all that therein is:
the compass of the world,
and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas:
and prepared it upon the floods. R.

Who shall ascend into the hill
of the Lord:
or who shall rise up in his holy place?
Even he that hath clean hands,
and a pure heart:
and that hath not lifted up his mind
unto vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. R.

He shall receive the blessing
from the Lord

and righteousness
from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation
of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face,
O Jacob. R.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh, and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 145:18,21

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name. Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**Matthew 1:18-24**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nativity of the Lord Midnight Mass A B C

THE FIRST READING**Isaiah 9:2-7**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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days of old and as in former years."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R: The Lord of Hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in. **R.**

Who is this King of glory?
It is the Lord strong and mighty,
even the Lord mighty in battle. **R.**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in. **R.**

Who is this King of glory?
Even the Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory. **R.**

THE SECOND READING**Hebrews 2:14-18**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage.

For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has

suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Psalm 48:9-10; 138:2**

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end. Like as we have heard, so we have seen in the city of our God: even upon his holy hill. Alleluia, alleluia. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and will sing praises unto thy name. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 2:22-40**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law,

THE SECOND READING**Acts 10: 34-38**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days:

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Psalms 72:18; 89:21**

Blessed be the Lord, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people. Alleluia. Alleluia. I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**Matthew 3:13-17**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness."

Then he consented.

And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and behold, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Presentation of the Lord A B C

THE FIRST READING**Malachi 3:1-4**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, "Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming," says the Lord of hosts.

"But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the

R. Today is born a Saviour,
Christ the Lord.

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord,
and praise his Name. **R.**

Be telling of his salvation
from day to day,
Declare his honour unto the heathen,
and his wonders unto all peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice,
and let the earth be glad:
let the sea make a noise,
and all that therein is.
Let the field be joyful,
and all that is in it:
then shall all the trees of the wood
rejoice before the Lord.
For he cometh,
for he cometh to judge the earth. **R.**

With righteousness
he will judge the world,
and the peoples with his truth. **R.**

THE SECOND READING**Titus 2:11-14**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Psalms 110:3,1; 2:7**

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee freewill offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand; until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord said unto me: Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 2:1-14**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good

news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nativity of the Lord Mass at Dawn ABC

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”

And they shall be called “The holy people”, “The redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called “Sought out”, a city not forsaken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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R. A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.

The Lord is king,
the earth may be glad thereof:
yea, the multitude of the isles
may be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness
are round about him:
righteousness and judgement
are the habitation of his seat. **R.**

There is sprung up a light
for the righteous,
and joyful gladness
for such as are true-hearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous
and give thanks for a remembrance
of his holiness. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 110:3,1; 2:7

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govern my people Israel.”

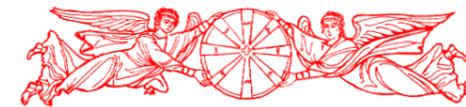
Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Baptism of the Lord A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the

street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the islands wait for his law.

“I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. The Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace.

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty,
ascribe unto the Lord
worship and strength.

Give the Lord
the honour due unto his Name;
worship the Lord with holy worship. **R.**

It is the Lord
that commandeth the waters;
it is the glorious God
that maketh the thunder.
It is the Lord that ruleth the sea;
the voice of the Lord
is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord
is a glorious voice. **R.**

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood,
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
The Lord shall give strength
unto his people;
the Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace. **R.**

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R. Every nation on earth
will adore thee, O Lord.

Give the King thy judgements, O God:
and thy righteousness unto
the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people
according unto right
and defend the poor. **R.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
yea, and abundance of peace,
so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also
from the one sea to the other,
and from the flood
unto the world's end. **R.**

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles
shall give presents:
the kings of Arabia and Saba
shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall do him service. **R.**

For he shall deliver the poor
when he crieth:
the needy also,
and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favourable
to the simple and needy:
and shall preserve
the souls of the poor. **R.**

THE SECOND READING*Ephesians 3:2-6*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians.

Brethren: I assume that you have
heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for you, how the
mystery was made known to me by rev-
elation, which was not made known to
the sons of men in other generations as it

has now been revealed to his holy apos-
tles and prophets by the Spirit; that is,
how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, mem-
bers of the same body, and partakers of
the promise in Christ Jesus through the
Gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Isaiah 60:6,1; Matthew 2:2*

All they from Saba shall come, bring-
ing gold and incense, and shall show
forth the praises of the Lord. Arise and
shine, O Jerusalem : for the glory of
the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.
Alleluia. We have seen his star in the
East, and are come with offerings to
worship the Lord. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING*Matthew 2:1-12*

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus was born in Beth-
lehem of Judea in the days of Herod the
king, behold, Wise Men from the East
came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where
is he who has been born king of the
Jews? For we have seen his star in the
East, and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this,
he was troubled, and all Jerusalem
with him; and assembling all the chief
priests and scribes of the people, he in-
quired of them where the Christ was to
be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem
of Judea; for so it is written by the
prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in
the land of Judah, are by no means
least among the rulers of Judah; for
from you shall come a ruler who will

thy footstool. Alleluia, alleluia. The
Lord said unto me: Thou art my Son;
this day have I begotten thee. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING*Luke 2:15 - 20*

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the angels went away from
them into heaven, the shepherds said
to one another, "Let us go over to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has
happened, which the Lord has made
known to us."

And they went with haste, and found
Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in
a manger.

And when they saw it they made
known the saying which had been
told them concerning this child; and
all who heard it wondered at what the
shepherds told them.

But Mary kept all these things, pon-
dering them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glo-
rifying and praising God for all they
had heard and seen, as it had been told
them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Day A B C

Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good tid-
ings, who publishes peace, who brings
good tidings of good, who publishes
salvation, who says to Zion, "Your
God reigns."

Listen, your watchmen lift up their
voice, together they sing for joy; for
eye to eye they see the return of the
Lord to Zion. Break forth together into
singing, you waste places of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord
has bared his holy arm before the eyes
of all the nations; and all the ends of the
earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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R. All the ends of the world have seen
the salvation of our God.

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
for he hath done marvellous things. **R.**

With his own right hand,
and with his holy arm
hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation. **R.**

His righteousness hath he openly shewed
in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth
toward the house of Israel:

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. **R.**

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands:

sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp,

sing to the harp

with a psalm of thanksgiving. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the ages. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs. For to what angel did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son? And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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THE GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'")

THE GOSPEL READING

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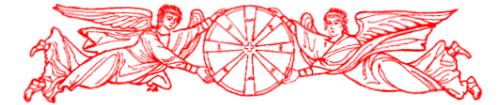
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And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; the only-

begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Epiphany of the Lord

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THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall walk by your light, and kings in the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his host she will glory:

“The Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and the one who created me assigned a place for my tent. And he said, ‘Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance, and among my chosen put down your roots.’ From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, who is their inheritance, and my abode was in the full assembly of the saints.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
147

R. The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem,
praise thy God, O Sion.
For he hath made fast the bars
of thy gates,
and hath blessed thy children
within thee. **R.**

He maketh peace in thy borders
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
He sendeth forth his commandment
upon earth;
and his word runneth very swiftly. **R.**

He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation,
neither have the heathen
knowledge of his laws. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Psalms 102 & Psalm 97

The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: And all the kings of the earth thy majesty. When the Lord shall build up Sion: And when his glory shall appear. Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: Yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Alleluia!

And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**The Sunday After
Christmas
Holy Family A**

THE FIRST READING
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; and do not despise him all the days of his life. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you - a house raised in justice to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
128

R. Blessed are they that fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.

Blessed are they that fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

For thou shalt eat the labour
of thine hands:

happy shalt thou be,
and it shall be well with thee. **R.**

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine
upon the walls of thine house;
Thy children like the olive-branches
round about thy table. **R.**

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed
that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion
shall so bless thee
that thou shalt see Jerusalem
in prosperity all thy life long. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Brethren: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 27:4; 32:1

One thing I have desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the House of the Lord. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. Alleluia, Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh the just to be thankful. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the Wise Men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,

"Out of Egypt have I called my son."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Mary, Mother of God A B C

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron and his sons, Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. So shall they put my name upon the sons of Israel, and I will bless them."

This is the Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. May God bless us in his mercy.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us: That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. R.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. R.

Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. R.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

Brethren: When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit into our hearts crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and is a son then an heir.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 45:4

In thy comeliness and in thy beauty go forth, ride prosperously and reign. Because of the word of truth of meekness and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Alleluia, alleluia. After child-bearing thou remainedst a pure virgin: Mother of God, intercede for us. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

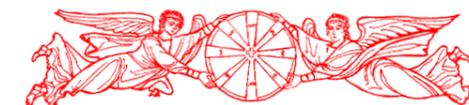
Luke 2:16-21

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Second Sunday after Christmas A B C

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Wisdom will praise herself, and is honoured in God, and will glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of