

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

Psalm 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

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptise you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The First Sunday of Lent C

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people, “The priest shall take the basket [of first fruits] from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. Then we cried to the Lord the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

91

R. Deliver me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence
of the most High

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

And one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 27:4, 148:1

One thing have I 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. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: Praise thy God O Sion. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great

multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; rise, he is calling you.”

And throwing off his cloak he sprang up and came to Jesus.

And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

And the blind man said to him, “Master, let me receive my sight.”

And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Word of the Lord.



The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying, “Fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments,

which I command you, all the days of your life; that your days may be prolonged.

Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

18

R. I will love thee,
O Lord, my strength.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength;
the Lord is my stony rock,
and my defence :
my Saviour, my God, and my might,
in whom I will trust,
my buckler, the horn also
of my salvation,
and my refuge. R.

I will call upon the Lord,
which is worthy to be praised;
so shall I be safe
from mine enemies. R.

The Lord liveth,
and blessed be my strong helper,
and praised be the Lord of my salvation.
Great prosperity giveth he unto his King,
and sheweth loving-kindness
unto David his Anointed. R.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren: The priests of the former covenant were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Christ holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.

Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 107:20-21; 33:6

We have waited for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: According to thy name O Lord, so is thy praise unto the world's end. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God, even upon thy holy hill. Alleluia. Alleluia. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel

The Second Sunday after Christmas

SEE YEAR A

The Epiphany of the Lord

SEE YEAR A



The Baptism of the Lord C

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 coastlands 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

29

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.

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 the sons of Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from

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

Luke 2:41-52

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were

returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."

And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them.

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Mary, Mother
of God

SEE YEAR A

according to Mark.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: One of the scribes came up to Jesus and asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And after that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first Book of Kings.

In those days: Elijah [the prophet] arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold,

a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a pitcher; and now, I am gathering a couple of sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

And Elijah said to her, "Fear not; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make for yourself and your son.

"For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, 'The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the pitcher of oil shall not fail, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'"

And she went and did as Elijah said; and she, and he, and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not spent, neither did the pitcher of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord which he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

146

R. As long as I have any being,
I will sing praises unto my God.

Blessed is he
that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that therein is,
who keepeth his promise for ever. R.

Who helpeth them to right
that suffer wrong,
who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison;
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen;
the Lord careth for the righteous. **R.**

The Lord careth for the strangers,
he defendeth the fatherless and widow;
as for the way of the ungodly,
he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion,
shall be King for evermore,
and throughout all generations. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Psalm 141:2; 148:3

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight
as the incense O Lord. And let the lift-

ing up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Alleluia. Alleluia. He maketh peace in thy borders: And filleth thee with the flour of wheat. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING
Mark 12:38-44

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: In his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretence make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny.

And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

This is the Gospel of the Lord



**Readings for the
Nativity
of the Lord**

MIDNIGHT MASS

MASS AT DAWN

MASS DURING THE DAY

AS FOR YEAR A

**The Sunday
After Christmas
Holy Family C**

THE FIRST READING
Ecclesiasticus 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

behold, and visit this vine;
And the place of the vineyard
that thy right hand hath planted. **R.**

Let thy hand be upon the man
of thy right hand,
and upon the son of man,
whom thou madest so strong
for thine own self.
And so will not we go back from thee.
O let us live,
and we shall call upon thy Name. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren: When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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
Luke 1:39-45

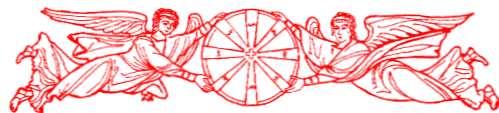
The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**The 33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time B**

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people.

And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book.

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

16

R. Keep me safe, O God;
thou art my hope.

The Lord himself
is the portion of mine inheritance,
and of my cup:
he is on my right hand,
therefore I shall not fall. **R.**

Wherefore my heart was glad,
and my soul rejoiced;
my flesh also shall rest in hope.
Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One
to see corruption. **R.**

Thou shalt shew me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fulness of joy;
and at thy right hand
there is pleasure for evermore. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet.

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 44:8,9; 130:1

It is thou, O Lord, that savest us from our enemies: and putteth them to confusion that hate us. We make our boast in God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever. Alleluia. Alleluia. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, Lord hear my voice. Alleluia

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-32

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that [great] tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

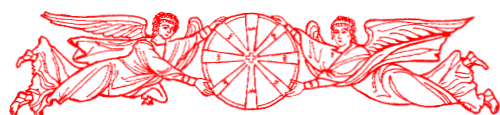
“And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

“And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Christ the King B

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting

dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

93

R. The Lord reigneth,
he is clothed with majesty.

The Lord reigneth,
he is clothed with majesty;
the Lord is clothed with strength,
wherewith he hath girded himself. R.

The world also is stablished,
that it cannot be moved;
Thy throne is established of old:
thou art from everlasting. R.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure;
holiness becometh thine house
for ever. R.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim : stir up thy strength and come. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel : thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Alleluia. Alleluia. Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:10-18

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The multitudes asked John, “What then shall we do?”

And he answered them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”

Tax collectors also came to be baptised, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

And he said to them, “Collect no more than is appointed you.”

Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?”

And he said to them, “Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptise you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent C

THE FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

Thus says the Lord: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who has labour pains has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

80

R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
shew thyself also,
thou that sittest upon the cherubim.
stir up thy strength, and come,
and help us. R.

Turn thee again, thou God of hosts,
look down from heaven;

came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord



The Third Sunday of Advent C

THE FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you
is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength
and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. R.

Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name;
make known his deeds
among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted. R.

Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy,
O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. R.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 80:2,8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 71:8, 11; 148:3

His dominion shall be from the one sea to the other, and from the flood unto the world's end. All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service. Alleluia, alleluia. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away: and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Pilate said to Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world.”

Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The First Sunday of Advent C

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. Unto thee, O Lord,
do I lift up my soul.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord,
and teach me thy paths.
Lead me forth in thy truth,
for thou art the God of my salvation. R.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord,
therefore will he teach sinners
in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide
in judgement,
and such as are gentle,
them shall he teach his way. R.

All the paths of the Lord
are mercy and truth
unto such as keep his covenant
and his testimonies.
The secret of the Lord
is among them that fear him,
and he will shew them his covenant. R.

THE SECOND READING**1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4 : 2**

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brethren: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, brethren, we beg and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Psalm 25:3-4; 85:8**

For all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed, O Lord. Make known to me thy ways, O Lord : and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia, alleluia. Show us thy mercy, O Lord : and teach me thy paths. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man

coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

"But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying to have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Second Sunday of Advent C

THE FIRST READING**Baruch 5:1-9**

A reading from the Book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting.

For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you

on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**126**

R. The Lord has done great things for us; and we are glad.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion then were we like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy. **R.**

Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice. **R.**

Turn our captivity, O Lord, as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. **R.**

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him. **R.**

THE SECOND READING**Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

A reading from Letter of St Paul to the

Philippians.

Brethren: Always in every prayer of mine for you all I make my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.

And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Psalm 50:2,3,5; 122:1**

Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice. Alleluia. Alleluia. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 3:1-6**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God