

## January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Isaiah.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:

your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

## January 5

**Responsorial Psalm**      Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

**Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

## January 5

### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace  
that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.  
It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

## January 5

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said,  
“Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

## January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit;

he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not shouting,  
not making his voice heard in the street.

A bruised reed he shall not break,  
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 42.1-4, 6-7

**January 12**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**Refrain: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Give to the LORD, you sons of God,  
    give to the LORD glory and praise,  
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;  
    adore the LORD in holy attire.

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,  
    the LORD, over vast waters.  
The voice of the LORD is mighty;  
    the voice of the LORD is majestic.

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

The God of glory thunders,  
    and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
The LORD is enthroned above the flood;  
    the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

## January 12

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 8:14-17

## January 12

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and 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." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22



## January 19

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 62:1-5

**January 19**

PSALM 36:5-10

**Refrain: We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord.**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord. **R**

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. **R**

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. **R**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart. **R**

## January 19

### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

## January 19

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 2:1-11

## January 26

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

NEHEMIAH 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**January 26**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15**

**Refrain: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
The command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true,  
all of them just.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart  
find favor before you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

## January 26

### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,

and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27**

## January 26

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 4:14-21



## February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

A READING FROM THE prophet OF Malachi.

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
And suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek,  
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.  
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
But who will endure the day of his coming?  
And who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner's fire,  
or like the fuller's lye.  
He will sit refining and purifying silver,  
and he will purify the sons of Levi,  
Refining them like gold or like silver  
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.  
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem  
will please the LORD,  
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10**

**Refrain: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in!

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in!

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

## **February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE Hebrews.

Since the children share in blood and flesh,  
Jesus likewise shared in them,  
that through death he might destroy the one  
who has the power of death, that is, the Devil,  
and free those who through fear of death  
had been subject to slavery all their life.  
Surely he did not help angels  
but rather the descendants of Abraham;  
therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters  
in every way,  
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God  
to expiate the sins of the people.  
Because he himself was tested through what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

## **February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,* in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 2.22-32

## February 9

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

In the year King Uzziah died,  
I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne,  
with the train of his garment filling the temple.  
Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other,  
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!  
All the earth is filled with his glory!"  
At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook  
and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed!  
For I am a man of unclean lips,  
living among a people of unclean lips;  
yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"  
Then one of the seraphim flew to me,  
holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said,  
"See, now that this has touched your lips,  
your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"  
"Here I am," I said; "send me!"

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 6:1-2, 3-8

## **February 9**

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8**

**Refrain: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. R.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. R.

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: "Great is the glory of the LORD." R.

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. R.

## **February 9**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
CORINTHIANS**

Brothers and sisters,  
I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
that he was buried;  
that he was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.  
After that, he appeared to more  
than five hundred brothers at once,

most of whom are still living,  
though some have fallen asleep.  
After that he appeared to James,  
then to all the apostles.  
Last of all, as to one abnormally born,  
he appeared to me.  
Therefore, whether it be I or they,  
so we preach and so you believed.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11**

### **February 9**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished

speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 5:1-11

## **February 16**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord



test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

## **February 16**

PSALM 1

REFRAIN ***Happy are they who trust in the Lord.***

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor  
lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their  
delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

**R**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

### **February 16**

#### **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If

Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16--20

### February 16

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem

and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 6:17, 20-26

### **February 23**

A READING FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> BOOK OF **Samuel**

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph  
with three thousand picked men of Israel,  
to search for David in the desert of Ziph.

So David and Abishai went among Saul’s soldiers by night  
and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade,  
with his spear thrust into the ground at his head  
and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David:

“God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day.  
Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear;  
I will not need a second thrust!”

But David said to Abishai, “Do not harm him,  
for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?”  
So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul’s head,  
and they got away without anyone’s seeing or knowing or awakening.  
All remained asleep,  
because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope,  
David stood on a remote hilltop  
at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops.  
He said: “Here is the king’s spear.  
Let an attendant come over to get it.  
The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness.  
Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp,  
I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

### **February 23**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

**Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### **February 23**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters:

It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being,*  
the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

But the spiritual was not first;  
rather the natural and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, earthly;

the second man, from heaven.  
As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly,  
and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.  
Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,  
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

**February 23**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 6:27-38

## **March 2**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Sirach

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;  
so do one's faults when one speaks.

As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,  
so in tribulation is the test of the just.



The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;  
so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.  
Praise no one before he speaks,  
for it is then that people are tested.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sirach 27:4-7**

**March 2**

**Responsorial Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

**Refrain: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
To proclaim your kindness at dawn

and your faithfulness throughout the night.  
**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.  
They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age;  
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,  
Declaring how just is the LORD,  
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.  
**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

## **March 2**

A READING FROM Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:  
When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility

and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,  
be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

## **March 2**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable,  
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall into a pit?  
No disciple is superior to the teacher;  
but when fully trained,  
every disciple will be like his teacher.  
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?  
How can you say to your brother,  
‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’  
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?  
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;  
then you will see clearly  
to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.  
For every tree is known by its own fruit.  
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,  
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.  
A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,  
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;  
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 6:39-45

### **March 9 Lent One**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a

basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

### **March 9 Lent One**

Responsorial Psalm .....Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.

Refrain: ***Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.***

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust." **R.**

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. **R.**

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon. **R.**

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him. **R.**

### **March 9 Lent One**

#### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one

who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ROMANS 10:8B-13

### **March 9 Lent One**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 4:1-13

## **March 16 Lent 2**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You



have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

### **March 16 Lent 2**

**PSALM 27:10-18**

**REFRAIN The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me. **R**

Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. **R**

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

### **March 16 Lent 2**

#### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in

their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

### **March 16 Lent 2**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 13:31-35

Or

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO LUKE

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he

was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 9:28-36

### **March 23 Lent 3**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Exodus

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations." The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15**

**March 23 Lent 3**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills,  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.  
He has made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### **March 23 Lent 3**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
CORINTHIANS

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
that our ancestors were all under the cloud

and all passed through the sea,  
and all of them were baptized into Moses  
in the cloud and in the sea.  
All ate the same spiritual food,  
and all drank the same spiritual drink,  
for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them,  
and the rock was the Christ.  
Yet God was not pleased with most of them,  
for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us,  
so that we might not desire evil things, as they did.  
Do not grumble as some of them did,  
and suffered death by the destroyer.  
These things happened to them as an example,  
and they have been written down as a warning to us,  
upon whom the end of the ages has come.  
Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure  
should take care not to fall.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

### **March 23 Lent 3**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 13:1-9

### **March 30 Lent 4**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the

fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

JOSHUA 5:9-12

### **March 30 Lent 4**

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

REFRAIN ***Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R**

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **R**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. **R**

### **March 30 Lent 4**

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
CORINTHIANS

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in

that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

2 Cor 5.16-21

**March 30 Lent 4**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'

So the father divided the property between them.

After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country

where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything,

a severe famine struck that country,

and he found himself in dire need.

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.

And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

Coming to his senses he thought,

'How many of my father's hired workers

have more than enough food to eat,

but here am I, dying from hunger.

I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

I no longer deserve to be called your son;

treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'"

So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off,

his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.

He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

His son said to him,

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;

I no longer deserve to be called your son.'

But his father ordered his servants,

'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;

put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.

Then let us celebrate with a feast,

because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;

he was lost, and has been found.'

Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field  
and, on his way back, as he neared the house,  
he heard the sound of music and dancing.  
He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.  
The servant said to him,  
'Your brother has returned  
and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf  
because he has him back safe and sound.'  
He became angry,  
and when he refused to enter the house,  
his father came out and pleaded with him.  
He said to his father in reply,  
'Look, all these years I served you  
and not once did I disobey your orders;  
yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.  
But when your son returns  
who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,  
for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'  
He said to him,  
'My son, you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours.  
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;  
he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

### **April 6 Lent 5**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do

a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 43:16-21

**April 6 Lent 5**

PSALM 126

**REFRAIN The Lord has done great things for us.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. **R**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

### **April 6 Lent 5**

#### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ



Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

### **April 6 Lent 5**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.  
But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area,  
and all the people started coming to him,  
and he sat down and taught them.  
Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman  
who had been caught in adultery  
and made her stand in the middle.  
They said to him,  
“Teacher, this woman was caught  
in the very act of committing adultery.  
Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.  
So what do you say?”  
They said this to test him,  
so that they could have some charge to bring against him.  
Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.  
But when they continued asking him,  
he straightened up and said to them,  
“Let the one among you who is without sin  
be the first to throw a stone at her.”  
Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.  
And in response, they went away one by one,  
beginning with the elders.  
So he was left alone with the woman before him.  
Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,  
“Woman, where are they?  
Has no one condemned you?”  
She replied, “No one, sir.”  
Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.  
Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”  
The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. JOHN 8.1-11**

### **April 13 Palm Sunday**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how  
to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens

my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 50:4-7

### **April 13 Palm Sunday**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.**

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;

they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### **April 13 Palm Sunday**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

### **April 17 Easter Sunday**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
"You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism

that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.  
We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.  
To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 10:34, 37-43

### **April 17 Easter Sunday**

**Responsorial Psalm          Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

### **April 17 Easter Sunday**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,

inasmuch as you are unleavened.  
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 5.6b-8

### **April 17 Easter Sunday**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom



Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord": and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 20:1-18

## **April 27 Easter 2**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.

They were all together in Solomon's portico.  
None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them.  
Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord,  
great numbers of men and women, were added to them.  
Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets  
and laid them on cots and mats  
so that when Peter came by,  
at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.  
A large number of people from the towns  
in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered,  
bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits,  
and they were all cured.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 5:12-16

### **April 27 Easter 2**

**Responsorial Psalm**          Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
    "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,  
    "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
    "His mercy endures forever."

**R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
    but the LORD helped me.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
    and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
    in the tents of the just:

**R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
    has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
    it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
    let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

## **April 27 Easter 2**

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

I, John, your brother, who share with you  
the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus,  
found myself on the island called Patmos

because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus.  
I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day  
and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said,  
"Write on a scroll what you see."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me,  
and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands  
and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man,  
wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead.  
He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid.  
I am the first and the last, the one who lives.  
Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.  
I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.  
Write down, therefore, what you have seen,  
and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

### **April 27 Easter 2**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 20:19-31

### **May 4 Easter 3**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he

was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 9:1-6

### **May 4 Easter 3**

**Responsorial Psalm**                      Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

**Refrain: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear

and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.  
**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.  
At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing.  
**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.  
You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.  
**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

### **May 4 Easter 3**

#### A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb

that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

REVELATION 5:11-14

**May 4 Easter 3**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the

kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 21:1-19

### **May 11 Easter 4**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her

in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 9:36-43

**May 11 Easter 4**

PSALM 23

**REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

### **May 11 Easter 4**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude,  
which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.  
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me,  
“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;  
they have washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne  
and worship him day and night in his temple.  
The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.  
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,  
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.  
For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne  
will shepherd them  
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

REVELATION 7:9, 14b-17

**May 11 Easter 4**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 10:22-30

**May 18 Easter 5**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 14.21-27

**May 18 Easter 5**

**Responsorial Psalm**      Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

**Refrain: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

**R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

**R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

**R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

### **May 18 Easter 5**

#### **A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city,



the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

REVELATION 21:1-6

**May 18 Easter 5**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 13:31-35

### **May 25 Easter 6**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers,  
"Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice,

you cannot be saved.”

Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives

and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers.

This is the letter delivered by them:

“The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings.

Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So we are sending Judas and Silas

who will also convey this same message by word of mouth:

‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage.

If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 15.1-2, 22-29

**May 25 Easter 6**

PSALM 67

**REFRAIN Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

**May 25 Easter 6**

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

REVELATION 21:10, 22-25

**May 25 Easter 6**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 14:23-29

Or

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids -blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 5:1-9

**June 1 Easter 7**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God  
and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,  
and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened  
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."  
But they cried out in a loud voice,  
covered their ears, and rushed upon him together.  
They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him.  
The witnesses laid down their cloaks  
at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
As they were stoning Stephen, he called out,  
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."  
Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice,  
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them;"  
and when he said this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Acts 7:55-60***

### **June 1 Easter 7**

PSALM 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

Refrain: ***The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.***



The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.  
Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne. **R**

The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory. All gods  
are prostrate before him. **R**

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all  
gods. **R**

**June 1 Easter 7**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 17:20-26

**June 8 Pentecost Sunday**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ACTS 2:1-11

**June 8 Pentecost Sunday**

Responsorial Psalm .....104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**Refrain: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. **R.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

### **June 8 Pentecost Sunday**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ROMANS 8:14-17

**June 8 Pentecost Sunday**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 14:8-17

**June 15 Trinity Sunday**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

### **June 15 Trinity Sunday**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**Refrain: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you set in place —

What is man that you should be mindful of him,  
or the son of man that you should care for him?

**R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

You have made him little less than the angels,  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him rule over the works of your hands,  
putting all things under his feet:

**R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

All sheep and oxen,  
yes, and the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

**R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

**June 15 Trinity Sunday**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS



Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ROMANS 5:1-5

**June 15 Trinity Sunday**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

JOHN 16:12-15

**June 22 Pentecost 2**

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF Genesis.

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine,  
and being a priest of God Most High,  
he blessed Abram with these words:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
the creator of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who delivered your foes into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Genesis 14:18-20**

**June 22 Pentecost 2**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

**R You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand  
till I make your enemies your footstool."

**R You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:  
"Rule in the midst of your enemies."

**R You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;  
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

**R You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

**R You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

## **June 22 Pentecost 2**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**June 22 Pentecost 2**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,  
and he healed those who needed to be cured.  
As the day was drawing to a close,  
the Twelve approached him and said,  
"Dismiss the crowd  
so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms  
and find lodging and provisions;  
for we are in a deserted place here."  
He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves."  
They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have,  
unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."  
Now the men there numbered about five thousand.  
Then he said to his disciples,  
"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."  
They did so and made them all sit down.  
Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,  
and looking up to heaven,  
he said the blessing over them, broke them,  
and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.  
They all ate and were satisfied.  
And when the leftover fragments were picked up,  
they filled twelve wicker baskets.

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 9.11b-17

**June 29 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles - HD (Red)**

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF Acts

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them.

He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

–It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.–

He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.

He intended to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter thus was being kept in prison,

but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial,

Peter, secured by double chains,

was sleeping between two soldiers,

while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison.

Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him

and a light shone in the cell.

He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying,

“Get up quickly.” The chains fell from his wrists.

The angel said to him, “Put on your belt and your sandals.”

He did so. Then he said to him, “Put on your cloak and follow me.”

So he followed him out,

not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.

They passed the first guard, then the second,

and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself.

They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter recovered his senses and said,

“Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod

and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Acts 12.1-11

### **June 29 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles - HD (Red)**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**Refrain: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

**June 29 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles - HD (Red)**



A READING FROM THE 2<sup>nd</sup> LETTER OF Timothy.

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**June 29 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles - HD (Red)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi  
he asked his disciples,  
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”  
They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,  
still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”  
He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Simon Peter said in reply,  
“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”  
Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.  
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.  
And so I say to you, you are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my Church,  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.  
I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 16:13-19

**July 6 Pentecost 4**

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,  
all you who love her;  
exult, exult with her,  
all you who were mourning over her!

Oh, that you may suck fully  
of the milk of her comfort,  
that you may nurse with delight  
at her abundant breasts!

For thus says the LORD:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent.  
As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,  
and fondled in her lap;  
as a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you;  
in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice  
and your bodies flourish like the grass;  
the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 66:10-14c**

**July 6 Pentecost 4**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

**Refrain: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

He has changed the sea into dry land;  
through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in him.

He rules by his might forever.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not  
my prayer or his kindness!

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

### **July 6 Pentecost 4**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

Brothers and sisters:

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world.

For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision,  
but only a new creation.

Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule  
and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;  
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,  
brothers and sisters. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GALATIANS 6:14-16

**July 6 Pentecost 4**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others  
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs  
to every town and place he intended to visit.  
He said to them,  
"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;  
so ask the master of the harvest  
to send out laborers for his harvest.  
Go on your way;  
behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.  
Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;  
and greet no one along the way.  
Into whatever house you enter, first say,  
'Peace to this household.'  
If a peaceful person lives there,  
your peace will rest on him;  
but if not, it will return to you.  
Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,  
for the laborer deserves his payment.  
Do not move about from one house to another.  
Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,  
eat what is set before you,  
cure the sick in it and say to them,  
'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 10:1-9

**July 13 Pentecost 5**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

"If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God,  
and keep his commandments and statutes  
that are written in this book of the law,  
when you return to the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today  
is not too mysterious and remote for you.  
It is not up in the sky, that you should say,  
'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us  
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'  
Nor is it across the sea, that you should say,  
'Who will cross the sea to get it for us  
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'  
No, it is something very near to you,  
already in your mouths and in your hearts;  
you have only to carry it out."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

**July 13 Pentecost 5**

PSALM 82

**REFRAIN Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgement in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked? **R**

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **R**

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'" Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. **R**

### **July 13 Pentecost 5**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS**



Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,  
the visible and the invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;  
all things were created through him and for him.  
He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in all things he himself might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile all things for him,  
making peace by the blood of his cross  
through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

**July 13 Pentecost 5**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 10:25-37

**July 20 Pentecost 6**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Genesis

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre,  
as he sat in the entrance of his tent,  
while the day was growing hot.  
Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby.  
When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them;  
and bowing to the ground, he said:  
"Sir, if I may ask you this favor,  
please do not go on past your servant.  
Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet,  
and then rest yourselves under the tree.  
Now that you have come this close to your servant,  
let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves;  
and afterward you may go on your way."  
The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah,  
"Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls."  
He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer,  
and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it.  
Then Abraham got some curds and milk,  
as well as the steer that had been prepared,  
and set these before the three men;  
and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"  
He replied, "There in the tent."  
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year,  
and Sarah will then have a son."  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Genesis 18:1-10a**

**July 20 Pentecost 6**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

**Refrain: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

One who walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
One who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**July 20 Pentecost 6**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,  
and in my flesh I am filling up  
what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ  
on behalf of his body, which is the church,  
of which I am a minister  
in accordance with God's stewardship given to me  
to bring to completion for you the word of God,  
the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.  
But now it has been manifested to his holy ones,  
to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory  
of this mystery among the Gentiles;  
it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.  
It is he whom we proclaim,  
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,  
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

COLOSSIANS 1:24-28

**July 20 Pentecost 6**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 10:38-42

**July 27 Pentecost 7**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Genesis

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham.

Then Abraham drew nearer and said:

"Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?"

The LORD replied,

"If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again:

"See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes!

What if there are five less than fifty innocent people?

Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?"

He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty."

Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on.

What if only thirty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there."

Still Abraham went on,

"Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?"

The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty."

But he still persisted:

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.

What if there are at least ten there?"

He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Genesis 18:20-32**

**July 27 Pentecost 7**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8



**Refrain: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Because of your kindness and your truth;  
for you have made great above all things  
your name and your promise.

When I called you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,  
and the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;  
against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what he has done for me;  
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

### **July 27 Pentecost 7**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.  
And even when you were dead  
in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,  
he brought you to life along with him,  
having forgiven us all our transgressions;  
obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims,  
which was opposed to us,  
he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

COLOSSIANS 2:12-15

**July 27 Pentecost 7**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 11:1-13

**August 3 Pentecost 8**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill,  
and yet to another who has not labored over it,  
he must leave property.

This also is vanity and a great misfortune.

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart  
with which he has labored under the sun?

All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation;  
even at night his mind is not at rest.

This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

**August 3 Pentecost 8**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

**Refrain: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

You turn man back to dust,  
saying, "Return, O children of men."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;  
prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

### **August 3 Pentecost 8**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Brothers and sisters:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died,  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:  
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,  
and the greed that is idolatry.

Stop lying to one another,  
since you have taken off the old self with its practices  
and have put on the new self,  
which is being renewed, for knowledge,  
in the image of its creator.

Here there is not Greek and Jew,  
circumcision and uncircumcision,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;  
but Christ is all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11

**August 3 Pentecost 8**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 12:13-21

**August 10 Pentecost 7**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Wisdom

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers,  
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith,  
they might have courage.

Your people awaited the salvation of the just  
and the destruction of their foes.

For when you punished our adversaries,  
in this you glorified us whom you had summoned.

For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice  
and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

The Word of the Lord

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

**August 10 Pentecost 7**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22



**Refrain: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**August 10 Pentecost 7**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for  
and evidence of things not seen.

Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place  
that he was to receive as an inheritance;  
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.

By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,  
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise;  
for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,  
whose architect and maker is God.

By faith he received power to generate,  
even though he was past the normal age  
—and Sarah herself was sterile—

for he thought that the one who had made the promise was  
trustworthy.

So it was that there came forth from one man,  
himself as good as dead,  
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky  
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HEBREWS 11:1-2, 8-16

**August 10 Pentecost 7**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 12:32-40

**August 17 Pentecost 8**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Jeremiah

In those days, the princes said to the king:  
"Jeremiah ought to be put to death;  
he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city,  
and all the people, by speaking such things to them;  
he is not interested in the welfare of our people,  
but in their ruin."

King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power";  
for the king could do nothing with them.

And so they took Jeremiah  
and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah,  
which was in the quarters of the guard,  
letting him down with ropes.

There was no water in the cistern, only mud,  
and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official,  
went there from the palace and said to him:

"My lord king,  
these men have been at fault  
in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah,  
casting him into the cistern.

He will die of famine on the spot,  
for there is no more food in the city."

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite  
to take three men along with him,  
and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before  
he should die.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

**August 17 Pentecost 8**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

**Refrain: Lord, come to my aid!**

I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me.

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

The LORD heard my cry.  
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,  
out of the mud of the swamp;  
he set my feet upon a crag;  
he made firm my steps.

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

Many shall look on in awe  
and trust in the LORD.

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

Though I am afflicted and poor,  
yet the LORD thinks of me.

You are my help and my deliverer;  
O my God, hold not back!

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

**August 17 Pentecost 8**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us  
and persevere in running the race that lies before us  
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
the leader and perfecter of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before him  
he endured the cross, despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.  
Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners,  
in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.  
In your struggle against sin  
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HEBREWS 12.1-4

**August 17 Pentecost 8**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 12:49-56

**August 24 Pentecost 9**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

I know their works and their thoughts,  
and I come to gather nations of every language;  
they shall come and see my glory.

I will set a sign among them;  
from them I will send fugitives to the nations:  
to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan,  
to the distant coastlands  
that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory;  
and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.  
They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations  
as an offering to the LORD,  
on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries,  
to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD,  
just as the Israelites bring their offering  
to the house of the LORD in clean vessels.  
Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 66:18-21

**August 24 Pentecost 9**



**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 117:1, 2

**Refrain: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

**August 24 Pentecost 9**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters,  
You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:  
"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord  
or lose heart when reproved by him;  
for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;  
he scourges every son he acknowledges."  
Endure your trials as "discipline";  
God treats you as sons.  
For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline?  
At the time,  
all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain,  
yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness  
to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

**August 24 Pentecost 9**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus passed through towns and villages,  
teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.  
Someone asked him,  
"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"  
He answered them,  
"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.  
After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door,  
then will you stand outside knocking and saying,  
'Lord, open the door for us.'  
He will say to you in reply,  
'I do not know where you are from.  
And you will say,  
'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'  
Then he will say to you,  
'I do not know where you are from.  
Depart from me, all you evildoers!'  
And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth  
when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob  
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God  
and you yourselves cast out.  
And people will come from the east and the west  
and from the north and the south  
and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.  
For behold, some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last."  
The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 13:22-30

**August 31 Pentecost 10**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Sirach

My child, conduct your affairs with humility,  
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.  
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God.  
What is too sublime for you, seek not,  
into things beyond your strength search not.  
The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs,  
and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.  
Water quenches a flaming fire,  
and alms atone for sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

**August 31 Pentecost 10**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

**Refrain: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just rejoice and exult before God;  
they are glad and rejoice.  
Sing to God, chant praise to his name;  
whose name is the LORD.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The father of orphans and the defender of widows  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
God gives a home to the forsaken;  
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you restored the land when it languished;  
your flock settled in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

**August 31 Pentecost 10**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters:

You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness  
and storm and a trumpet blast  
and a voice speaking words such that those who heard  
begged that no message be further addressed to them.  
No, you have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,  
and countless angels in festal gathering,  
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,  
and God the judge of all,  
and the spirits of the just made perfect,  
and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,  
and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HEBREWS 12.18-19, 22,24a

**August 31 Pentecost 10**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

LUKE 14:1, 7-14