

March 1, 2026: The 2nd Sunday of Lent**First Reading****Genesis 12:1-4a**

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.**

R. (22) Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all His works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

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. Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

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.

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Second Reading**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to His own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Reading**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While He was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a Voice that said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD Who made us.

For He is our God,

and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear His voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted Me;

they tested Me though they had seen My works."

R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

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Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from His journey, sat down there at the well.

It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How can You, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and Who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to Him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I can see that You are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but You people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the One called the Christ; when He comes, He will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am He, the One speaking with you."

At that moment His disciples returned, and were amazed that He was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are You looking for?" or "Why are You talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a Man Who told me everything I have done. Could He possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to Him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged Him, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought Him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One Who sent Me and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

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Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to Him, they invited Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in Him because of His word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

OR:

John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures He gives me repose;

beside restful waters He leads me;

He refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths

for His Name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for You are at my side

With Your rod and Your staff

that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the One Who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was

able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful Man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged Him as the Christ, He would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.”

He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that Man’s disciple; we are disciples

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of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this One is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where He is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this Man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, the One speaking with you is He." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this and said to Him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

OR:

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because He does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

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First Reading**2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16**

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

“Go, tell My servant David, ‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before Me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29****R. (37) The son of David will live for ever.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness,

For You have said, “My kindness is established forever”;
in Heaven You have confirmed Your faithfulness.

R. The son of David will live for ever.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David My servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.”

R. The son of David will live for ever.

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.’

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

R. The son of David will live for ever.**Second Reading****Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22**

Brothers and sisters:

It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, Thus shall your descendants be. That is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

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Gospel Reading**Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a**

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus Who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with Child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her. She will bear a Son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

OR:**Luke 2:41-51a**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

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First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD:

O My people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O My people! I will put My Spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;

And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One Who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried His feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to Him saying, "Master, the one You love is ill." When Jesus heard this He said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that He was ill, He remained for two days in the place where He was. Then after this He said to His disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone You, and You want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to Him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about His death, while they thought that He meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let

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us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with Him."

When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to Him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to Him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met Him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how He loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the One Who opened the eyes of the blind an

have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to Him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You for hearing Me. I know that You always hear Me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." And when He had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what He had done began to believe in Him.

OR:

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one You love is ill." When Jesus heard this He said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that he was ill, He remained for two days in the place where He was. Then after this He said to His disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

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March 25, 2026: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**First Reading****Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us!"

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11****R. (8a and 9a) Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
To do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Your justice I kept not hid within my heart;
your faithfulness and your salvation I have spoken of;
I have made no secret of your kindness and your truth in
the vast assembly.

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**Second Reading****Hebrews 10:4-10**

Brothers and sisters: It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins. For this reason, when Christ came into the world, He said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,

but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no
delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading**Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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At the Procession with Palms - Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to Me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The Master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Say to daughter Zion,

"Behold, your king comes to you,

meek and riding on an ass,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and He sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding Him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

And when He entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"

And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

At the Mass - First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R. (2a) 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?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

This Gospel is typically read by multiple readers. It is divided into four parts: Christ (✝), Narrator (N.), Voice (V.), and the Crowd (C.). The Crowd parts are read aloud by the people in the congregation.

✝ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

N. One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

V. "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?"

N. They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand Him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, V. "Where do you want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

N. He said,

✝ "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with My disciples.'""

N. The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, He said,

✝ "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

N. Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to Him one after another,

V. "Surely it is not I, Lord?"

N. He said in reply,

✝ "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with Me is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

N. Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,

V. "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"

N. He answered,

✝ "You have said so."

N. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said,

✝ "Take and eat; this is My Body."

N. Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

✝ "Drink from it, all of you, for this is My Blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the Kingdom of My Father."

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, ✝ "This night all of you will have your faith in Me shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed*; but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

N. Peter said to Him in reply,

V. "Though all may have their faith in You shaken, mine will never be."

N. Jesus said to him,

✝ "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times." N. Peter said to Him,

V. "Even though I should have to die with You, I will not deny You."

N. And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples,

✝ "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

N. He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then He said to them,

✝ "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with Me."

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N. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

✝ “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not as I will, but as You will.”

N. When He returned to His disciples He found them asleep. He said to Peter,

✝ “So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

N. Withdrawing a second time, He prayed again,

✝ “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without My drinking it, Your will be done!” **N.** Then He returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then He returned to His disciples and said to them,

✝ “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, My betrayer is at hand.”

N. While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, **V.** “The Man I shall kiss is the One; arrest Him.” **N.** Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,

V. “Hail, Rabbi!”

N. and he kissed Him. Jesus answered him,

✝ “Friend, do what you have come for.”

N. Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested Him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

✝ “Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon My Father and He will not provide Me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”

N. At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

✝ “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize Me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest Me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

N. Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the high priest’s courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated,

C. “**This Man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.’”**

N. The high priest rose and addressed Him,

V. “Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against You?”

N. But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Him,

V. “I order You to tell us under oath before the living God whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.”

N. Jesus said to him in reply,

✝ “You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming on the clouds of Heaven.’”

N. Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

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V. “He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?”

N. They said in reply,

C. “He deserves to die!”

N. Then they spat in His face and struck Him, while some slapped Him, saying,

C. “Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck You?”

N. Now Peter was sitting outside in the court- yard. One of the maids came over to him and said,

V. “You too were with Jesus the Galilean.”

N. But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, **V.** “I do not know what you are talking about!” **N.** As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,

V. “This man was with Jesus the Nazorean.”

N. Again he denied it with an oath,

V. “I do not know the Man!”

N. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,

C. “Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.”

N. At that he began to curse and to swear,

V. “I do not know the Man.”

N. And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny Me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. They bound Him, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,

V. “I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.”

N. They said,

C. “What is that to us? Look to it yourself.”

N. Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

C. “It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.”

N. After consultation, they used it to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter’s field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned Him,

V. “Are You the king of the Jews?”

N. Jesus said,

✦ “You say so.”

N. And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him,

V. “Do You not hear how many things they are testifying against You?”

N. But He did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

V. “Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?”

N. For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed Him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

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V. “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man.

I suffered much in a dream today because of Him.”

N. The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

V. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

N. They answered,

C. “Barabbas!”

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?”

N. They all said,

C. “Let Him be crucified!”

N. But he said,

V. “Why? What evil has He done?”

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. “Let Him be crucified!”

N. When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V. “I am innocent of this Man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.”

N. And the whole people said in reply,

C. “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”

N. Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around Him. They stripped off His clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about Him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying,

C. “Hail, king of the Jews!”

N. They spat upon Him and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the cloak, dressed Him in His Own clothes, and led Him off to crucify Him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry His cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha —which means Place of the Skull—, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when He had tasted it, He refused to drink. After they had crucified Him, they divided His garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And they placed over His head the written charge against Him: This is Jesus, the king of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with Him, one on His right and the other on His left. Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying,
C. “You Who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, if You are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!”

N. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Him and said,

C. “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. So He is the king of Israel! Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him.

He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He wants Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

N. The revolutionaries who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✦ “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

N. which means,

✦ “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. “This One is calling for Elijah.”

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N. Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to Him to drink. But the rest said, **C.** “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save Him.”

N. But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up His Spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

C. “Truly, this was the Son of God!”

N. There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

C. “Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest His disciples come and steal Him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.”

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.”

N. So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

OR:

Matthew 27:11-54

N. Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned Him,

V. “Are you the king of the Jews?”

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V. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

N. They answered,

C. “Barabbas!”

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?”

N. They all said,

C. “Let Him be crucified!”

N. But he said,

V. “Why? What evil has He done?”

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. “Let Him be crucified!”

N. When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V. “I am innocent of this Man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.”

N. And the whole people said in reply,

C. “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”

N. Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around Him. They stripped off His clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about Him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying,

C. “Hail, king of the Jews!”

N. They spat upon Him and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the cloak, dressed Him in His Own clothes, and led Him off to crucify Him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry His cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull—, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when He had tasted it, He refused to drink. After they had crucified Him, they divided His garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And they placed over His head the written charge against Him: This is Jesus, the king of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with Him, one on His right and the other on His left. Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying,

C. “You Who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, if You are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!”

N. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Him and said,

C. “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. So He is the king of Israel! Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him.

He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He wants Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

N. The revolutionaries who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✦ “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

N. which means,

✦ “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. “This One is calling for Elijah.”

N. Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to Him to drink. But the rest said, **C. “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save Him.”**

N. But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up His Spirit.

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And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

C. "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

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