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First Reading ISAIAH 7:10-16

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Refrain: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. R

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. R

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name. R

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Deuxième Lecture Romains 1:1-7

LECTURE DE LA LETTRE DE PAUL AUX ROMAINS

Paul, serviteur de Jésus Christ, appelé à être apôtre, mis à part pour annoncer l'Évangile de Dieu, - qui avait été promis auparavant de la part de Dieu par ses prophètes dans les saintes Écritures, et qui concerne son Fils (né de la postérité de David, selon la chair, et déclaré Fils de Dieu avec puissance, selon l'Esprit de sainteté, par sa résurrection d'entre les morts), Jésus Christ notre Seigneur, par qui nous avons reçu la grâce et l'apostolat, pour amener en son nom à l'obéissance de la foi tous les païens, parmi lesquels vous êtes aussi, vous qui avez été appelés par Jésus Christ- à tous ceux qui, à Rome, sont bien-aimés de Dieu, appelés à être saints: que la grâce et la paix vous soient données de la part de Dieu notre Père et du Seigneur Jésus Christ!

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse
Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

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Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

God be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!