

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. All: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Refrain: In his time shall peace and justice flourish

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. R

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. R

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. Blessed be God, the Holy One of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be that glorious name for ever! And may all the earth be filled with God's glory. Amen. Amen. R



Deuxième Lecture Romains 15:4–13

LECTURE DU LIVRE DES ROMAINS

Or, tout ce qui a été écrit d'avance l'a été pour notre instruction, afin que, par la patience, et par la consolation que donnent les Écritures, nous possédions l'espérance. Que le Dieu de la persévérance et de la consolation vous donne d'avoir les mêmes sentiments les uns envers les autres selon Jésus Christ, afin que tous ensemble, d'une seule bouche, vous glorifilez le Dieu et Père de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ. Accueillez-vous donc les uns les autres, comme Christ vous a accueillis, pour la gloire de Dieu. Je dis, en effet, que Christ a été serviteur des circoncis, pour prouver la véracité de Dieu en confirmant les promesses faites aux pères, tandis que les païens glorifient Dieu à cause de sa miséricorde, selon qu'il est écrit: C'est pourquoi je te louerai parmi les nations, Et je chanterai à la gloire de ton nom. Il est dit encore: Nations, réjouissez-vous avec son peuple! Et encore: Louez le Seigneur, vous toutes les nations, Célébrez-le, vous tous les peuples! Ésaïe dit aussi: Il sortira d'Isaï un rejeton, Qui se lèvera pour régner sur les nations; Les nations espéreront en lui. Que le Dieu de l'espérance vous remplisse de toute joie et de toute paix dans la foi, pour que vous abondiez en espérance, par la puissance du Saint Esprit!

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.



Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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!

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!