

December 28th, 2025

First Sunday After Christmas

ISAIAH 63:7-9; PSALM 148; HEBREWS 2:10-18; MATTHEW 2:13-23



ASCENSION

First Reading (ISAIAH 63:7-9)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 148

Refrain: Heaven and earth, praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

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Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. **Refrain**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **Refrain**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; **Refrain**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and wingèd birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; **Refrain**

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,

for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. **Refrain**

He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah! **Refrain**

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Second Reading (Hebrews 2:10-18)

Lecture de la Lettre aux Hébreux.

Dieu, par qui et pour qui sont toutes choses, voulait amener beaucoup de ses enfants à participer à sa gloire. C'est pourquoi il convenait qu'il conduise Jésus à sa perfection au travers de la souffrance, car Jésus est celui qui est à l'origine de leur salut et qui les y conduit. Or, Jésus, qui rétablit la relation à Dieu pour tous les êtres humains, et ceux qui ont été rétablis dans leur relation à Dieu, ont tous le même Père. C'est pourquoi Jésus n'a pas honte de les appeler ses frères et ses sœurs. Il déclare en effet : « Mon Dieu, je parlerai de toi à mes frères et à mes sœurs, je manifesterai ta gloire devant toute l'assemblée. » Il dit aussi : « Je mettrai ma confiance en Dieu. » Et encore « Me voici, avec les enfants que Dieu m'a donnés. » Puisque ces enfants sont tous des êtres de chair et de sang, Jésus lui-même est devenu comme eux, il a participé à leur condition humaine. C'est ainsi que, par sa mort, il a pu écraser le diable, qui détient la puissance de la mort ; il a délivré ceux que la peur de la mort rendait esclaves durant leur vie entière. En effet, ce n'est assurément pas aux anges qu'il vient en aide, mais c'est aux descendants d'Abraham. C'est pourquoi il devait devenir en tout semblable à ses frères et à ses sœurs, afin d'être leur grand-prêtre plein de bienveillance et fidèle au service de Dieu, pour assurer le pardon des péchés du peuple. Et maintenant, il peut secourir les personnes qui sont mises à l'épreuve, parce qu'il a passé lui-même par l'épreuve et par la souffrance.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse.

Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

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Gospel (MATTHEW 2:13-23)

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 after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!