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First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, *
O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house *
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, *
my Sovereign and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you, *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way!

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield; *
you will give grace and glory;

no good thing will you withhold, O Lord, *
from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, *

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happy are they who put their trust in you!



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Deuxième Lecture Hébreux 2:14-18

LECTURE DE LA LETTRE DE PAUL AUX HÉBREUX.

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 Luke 2:22-40

God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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