

Gospel

Lk. 2:1-7

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE LORD



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Sentence

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children.

Galatians 4.4-5

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,
 who chose the blessed virgin Mary
 to be the mother of your incarnate Son:
 grant that we who are redeemed by his blood,
 may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isa. 61:10-62:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 113 — A.P.B.A. Page 344**

- 1 Praise the Lord, O sing praises, you that are his servants:
 O praise the name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
 from this time forward and for ever.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down:
 let the name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations:
 and his glory is above the heavens.
- 5 Who can be likened to the Lord our God:
 in heaven or upon the earth.
- 6 Who has his dwelling so high:
 yet condescends to look on things beneath?
- 7 He raises the lowly from the dust:
 and lifts the poor from out of the dungheap;
- 8 He gives them a place among the princes:
 even among the princes of his people.
- 9 He causes the barren woman to keep house:
 and makes her a joyful mother of children.
 Praise the Lord.

Second Reading

Gal. 4:4-7

A reading from the letter to the Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are they who hear the word of God
 and keep it.

Alleluia!