

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26.1–11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses spoke to the people, saying:]

When you have come into the land
that the LORD your God is giving you
as an inheritance to possess,
and you possess it, and settle in it,
you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground,
which you harvest from the land
that the LORD your God is giving you,
and you shall put it in a basket
and go to the place
that the LORD your God will choose
as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time,
and say to him,

‘Today I declare to the LORD your God
that I have come into the land
that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’

When the priest takes the basket from your hand
and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,
you shall make this response before the LORD your God:

‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;
he went down into Egypt
and lived there as an alien, few in number,
and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.
When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us,
by imposing hard labour on us,
we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors;
the LORD heard our voice
and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

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The LORD brought us out of Egypt
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
with a terrifying display of power,
and with signs and wonders;

and he brought us into this place
and gave us this land,

a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground
that you, O LORD, have given me.'

You shall set it down before the LORD your God
and bow down before the LORD your God.

Then you, together with the Levites
and the aliens who reside among you,

shall celebrate with all the bounty
that the LORD your God has given
to you and to your house.

This is the Word of The Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 10.8b–13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What does scripture say?

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

because, if you confess (with your lips)

that Jesus is Lord

and believe in your heart

that God raised Him from the dead,

you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart, and so – is justified,

and one confesses with the mouth, and so – is saved.

The scripture says,

‘No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.’

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

the same Lord, is Lord of all

and is generous to all who call on Him.

For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord

shall be saved.’

This is the Word of The Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 4.1–13

The Holy Gospel is written in the 4th chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the 1st. verse... ...Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,
where for forty days He was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days,
and when they were over, He was famished.

The devil said to Him,

‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’

Jesus answered him,

‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’

Then the devil led Him up

and showed Him, in an instant, all the kingdoms of the world.

And the devil said to Him,

‘To you, I will give their glory and all this authority;
for it has been given over to me,
and I give it to anyone I please.

If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’

Jesus answered him,

‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’

Then the devil took Him to Jerusalem,

and placed Him on the pinnacle of the temple,
saying to Him,

‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,
for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,”

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

Jesus answered him,

‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

When the devil had finished every test,

he departed from Him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.