



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
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First Reading

Sir 24:1-4, 8-12

Wisdom sings her own praises, and is honored in God, before her own people she boasts; in the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, in the presence of his power she declares her worth, in the midst of her people she is exalted, in holy fullness she is admired; in the multitude of the chosen she finds praise, and among the blessed she is blessed.

The Creator of all commanded and said to me, and he who formed me chose the spot for my tent, saying, 'In Jacob make your dwelling, in Israel your inheritance, and among my chosen put down your roots.'

Before all ages, from the beginning, he created me, and through all ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and in Zion I fixed my abode. Thus in the chosen city I have rested, in Jerusalem, my domain. I have struck root among the glorious people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage; and in the company of the holy ones do I linger."



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R: The Word of God became man and lived among us.

Or Alleluia.

Glorify the LORD, Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates, blessed your children within you.

R: The Word of God became man and lived among us.

Or Alleluia.

He has granted peace to your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to earth; swiftly runs his word!

R: The Word of God became man and lived among us.

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He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. He has not done this for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia

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Second Reading

Eph 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones.



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Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.