

10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7.10-14

Look, the virgin is with child.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 10 The Lord spoke to Ahaz,
11 “Ask a sign of the Lord your God;
let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”
12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask,
and I will not put the Lord to the test.”
13 Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David!
Is it too little for you to weary mortals,
that you weary my God also?
14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b)

- R. Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.
- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
2 for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the river. R.
3 Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false. R.
5 They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
6 Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 1.1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 1 From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle,
set apart for the gospel of God,
2 which God promised beforehand
through his prophets in the holy scriptures:
3 the gospel concerning his Son,
who was descended from David according to the flesh
4 and was declared to be Son of God with power
according to the spirit of holiness
by resurrection from the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 5 Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship
to bring about the obedience of faith
among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,
6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.
- 7 To all God's beloved in Rome,
who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 1.23

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1.18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 18 The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.



19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man
and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace,
planned to dismiss her quietly.

20 But just when he had resolved to do this,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son,
and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place
to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.”

24 When Joseph awoke from sleep,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;
he took her as his wife.

The gospel of the Lord.