

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon	son to whom Sarah had given birth.	And in various different ways,
The shepherds went in haste,		God spoke to our ancestors
And found Mary & Joseph	The word of the Lord	through the prophets'
and the Infant	Beeneneeriel Beelm	But in our own time, the last days,
lying in a manger.	Responsorial Psalm Response:	He has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!
PENITENTIAL RITE	He, the Lord, is our God.	
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord	He remembers his covenant for ever	A reading from the holy Gospel
C. For we have sinned against you.		according to Luke.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.		Lk 2:22.39-40
C. And grant us your salvation. P. May almighty God have mercy on us,	Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,	When the day came for them to be
forgive us our sins, and bring us to	make known his deeds among the peoples.	purified as laid down by the Law of
everlasting life.	O sing to him, sing his praise;	Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up
C. Amen.	tell all his wonderful works! R	to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.
GLORIA		When they had done everything the Law
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth	Be proud of his holy name,	of the Lord required, they went back to
peace to people of good will. We praise	let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.	Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
you, we bless you, we adore you,	Consider the Lord and his strength;	Meanwhile the child grew to maturity,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your	constantly seek his face.	and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.
great glory,	Remember the wonders he has done,	
Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty	his miracles, the judgements he spoke.	The Gospel of the Lord
Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten	O children of Abraham, his servant,	
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the	O sons of the Jacob he chose.	PROFESSION OF FAITH
Father, you take away the sins of the		I believe in one God, the Father al-
world, have mercy on us;	He remembers his covenant forever,	mighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all
you take away the sins of the world,	his promise for a thousand generations,	things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
receive our prayer;	the covenant he made with Abraham,	the Only Begotten Son of God,
you are seated at the right hand of the	the oath he swore to Isaac. R	born of the Father before all ages.
Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One,		God from God, Light from Light,
you alone are the Lord,	A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.	true God from true God, begotten, not
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,	Heb 11:8.11-12.17-19	made, consubstantial with the Father;
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the	It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set	through him all things were made.
Father. Amen.	out for a country that was the inheritance given to	For us men and for our salvation
	him and his descendants, and that he set out	he came down from heaven, and by the
A reading from the book of Genesis.	without knowing where he was going.	Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3	It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being	Mary, and became man. For our sake he
The word of the Lord was spoken to	past the age, was made able to conceive, be-	was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose
Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I	cause she believed that he who had made the	again on the third day In accordance
am your shield; your reward will be very	promise would be faithful to it. Because of this,	with the Scriptures. He ascended into
great'.	there came from one man, and one who was	heaven and is seated at the right hand of
'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do	already as good as dead himself, more	the Father. He will come again in glory to
you intend to give me? I go childless'	descendants than could be counted, as many as	judge the living and the dead and his
Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my	the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.	kingdom will have no end.
household will be my heir'. And then this	It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test,	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He	offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only	giver of life, who proceeds from the
shall not be your heir; your heir shall be	son even though the promises had been made to	Father and the Son, who with the Father
one of your own flesh and blood.' Then	him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that	and the Son is adored and glorified, who
taking him outside he said, 'Look up to	your name will be carried on. He was confident	has spoken through the prophets.
heaven and count the stars if you can.	that God had the power even to raise the dead;	I believe in one, holy, catholic and
Such will be your descendants' he told	and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back	apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look
him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who	Isaac from the dead.	forward to the resurrection of the dead
counted this as making him justified.		and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as	The word of the Lord.	
he had said, and did what he had		Communion Antiphon
promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at	Gospel Acclamation	Our God has appeared on the earth,
the time God had promised. Abraham	Alleluia, alleluia At various times in the past	and lived among us.
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named the son born to him Isaac, the