

Introit

1 Samuel 2:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47



My soul magni- | fies the Lord, *
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.
My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted | in the LORD. *
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.
There is none holy like the LORD; there is none be- | sides you; *
there is no rock | like our God.
The LORD makes poor and | makes rich; *
he brings low and | he exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the | ash heap *
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of | honor.
For the pillars of the earth | are the LORD's, *
and on them he has | set the world.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–5

The Righteous Reign of the Branch

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

Epistle

Romans 12:9–16

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

Verse of the Day

Luke 1:45

Alleluia. Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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