

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 14–15; antiphon: v. 31

May the glory of the LORD endure for- | ever; *
may the LORD rejoice | in his works.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all; *
the earth is full of your | creatures.

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to | cultivate, *
that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the | heart of
man,

oil to make his | face shine *
and bread to strengthen | man's heart.

**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

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror,

with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

Psalm

Psalm 65; antiphon: v. 1

O God of Our Salvation

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,*
and to you shall vows | be performed.

²O you who | hears prayer,*
to you shall | all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,*
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell | in your courts!*

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your | temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our sal- | vation,*
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the | farthest seas;

⁶the one who by his strength established the | mountains,*
being girded | with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring | of their waves,*
the tumult of the | peoples,

⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs.*
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of | water;*
you provide their grain,
for so you have pre- | pared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its | ridges,*
softening it with showers,
and bless- | ing its growth.
¹¹You crown the year with your | bounty;*
your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.
¹²The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,*
the hills gird them- | selves with joy,
¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,*
they shout and sing together | for joy.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

The Cheerful Giver

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Verse of the Day

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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