

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9–10

A reading from the book of Zechariah

The LORD says this:
Everyone in Jerusalem, celebrate and rejoice.
Your king has won the victory,
and he is coming to you.
He is humble and rides on a donkey.
He comes on the colt of a donkey.

I, the LORD, will take away all war chariots and horses
from Israel and Jerusalem.
Bows that were made for battle will be destroyed.

I will bring peace to nations,
and your king will rule from sea to sea.
His kingdom will reach from the Euphrates River
across all the earth.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:1–2, 8–9, 13cd–14

All: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

*I will praise you,
my God and King,
and always honor your name.
I will praise you each day
and always honor your name.*

All: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

*You are merciful, LORD I
You are kind and patient
and always loving.
You are good to everyone,
and you take care
of all your creation.*

All: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

*Our LORD, you keep your word
and do everything you say.
When someone stumbles or falls,
you give a helping hand.*

All: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9, 11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

You are no longer ruled by your desires,
but by God's Spirit, who lives in you.

People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them
don't belong to him.

God raised Jesus to life!

God's Spirit now lives in you,
and he will raise you to life by his Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL
Matthew 11:25–30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

On one occasion Jesus said:

“My Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
I am glad that you hid all this from wise and educated people
and showed it to ordinary people.
Yes, Father, that is what pleased you.

“My Father has given me everything,
and he is the only one who knows the Son.
The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son.
But the Son wants to tell others about the Father,
so that they can know him too.

“If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,
come to me and I will give you rest.
Take the yoke I give you.
Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.
I am gentle and humble,
and you will find rest.
This yoke is easy to bear,
and this burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.