

# Readings THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

Psalm 8

## The Old Testament 2 Samuel 7:1-16

7:1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

7:2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

7:3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.

7:4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

7:5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

7:6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7:7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

7:8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

7:9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

7:10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

## The Epistle Galatians 4:1-7

4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;  
4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.  
4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:  
4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,  
4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.  
4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.  
4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.  
8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.  
8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;  
8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?  
8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.  
8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:  
8:7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;  
8:8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.  
8:9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

## The Holy Gospel Luke 2:(22-32) 33-40

**2:22** And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

**2:23** (As it is written in the law of the LORD, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

**2:24** And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

**2:25** And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

**2:26** And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

**2:27** And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

**2:28** Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

**2:29** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

**2:30** For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

**2:31** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

**2:32** A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

**2:33** And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

**2:34** And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

**2:35** (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

**2:36** And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

**2:37** And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

**2:38** And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

**2:39** And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

**2:40** And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.