

Christ. | No one has ever seen God. | The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, | has revealed him.]

OFFERTORY CHANT Ps 89 (88): 12, 15a

TUI sunt cæli et tua est terra:
orbem terrarum et plenitudinem
eius tu fundasti: iustitia et
iudicium præparatio sedis tuæ.

YOURS are the heavens, yours
is the earth, the world and the
fullness thereof have been founded
by you. Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of your throne.

COMMUNION CHANT Ps 98 (97): 3cd

VIDÉRUNT omnes fines ter-
ræ salutare Dei nostri.

ALL the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation which
comes from our God.



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas – Years ABC

ENTRANCE CHANT Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36, 2

DEUS in loco sancto
suo: Deus qui inhab-
itare facit unánimes
in domo: ipse dabit
virtutem et fortitudinem plebi
suæ. V. Exsurgat Deus, et dissi-
péntur inimíci eius: et fúgiant, qui
odérunt eum, a fácie eius.

GOD is in his holy dwelling
place; the God who causes
us to dwell together, one at heart,
in his house; he himself will give
power and strength to his people.
V. Let God arise, and let his en-
emies be scattered; and let those
who hate him flee before his face.

FIRST READING Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14

GOD sets a father in honor over his children; | a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. | Whoever honors his father atones for sins, | and preserves himself from them. | When he prays, he is heard; | he stores up riches who reveres his mother. | Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, | and, when he prays, is heard. | Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; | he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; | grieve him not as long as he lives. | Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; | revile him not all the days of his life; | kindness to a father will not be forgotten, | firmly planted against the debt of your sins | —a house raised in justice to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5



Bless -èd are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways...

Ÿ. Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, | who walks in his ways! | For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; | blessed shall you be, and favored.

Ÿ. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine | in the recesses of your home; | your children like olive plants | around your table.

Ÿ. Behold, thus is the man blessed | who fears the LORD. | The LORD bless you from Zion: | may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem | all the days of your life.

OR: GRADUAL Ps 27 (26): 4

UNAM pétii a Dómino, hanc requíram, ut inhábitem in domo Dómini. Ÿ. Ut vídeam voluptátem Dómini, et prótegar a templo sancto eius.

ONE thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord. Ÿ. To gaze in delight upon the Lord's beauty, and to be sheltered in his holy temple.

SECOND READING Col 3: 12-21 *For short form, exclude section in brackets.*

BROTHERS and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

[Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Col 3: 15a, 16a

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

OR: ANCIENT ALLELUIA Ps 33 (32): 1

Gaudete iusti in Dómino: rectos Rejoice in the Lord, O you just. It
deceat collaudátio. is fitting that loyal hearts should
praise him.

(YEAR A) GOSPEL Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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HEN THE MAGI had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and

stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*

(YEAR B) GOSPEL Lk 2: 22-40

WHEN THE DAYS were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, [just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: | “Now, Master, you may let your servant go | in peace, according to your word, | for my eyes have seen your salvation, | which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, | a light for revelation to the Gentiles, | and glory for your people Israel.” | The child’s father and mother were amazed at

what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.]

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

(YEAR C) GOSPEL Lk 2: 41-52

EACH YEAR Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

OFFERTORY CHANT Ps 31 (30): 15-16

IN te sperávi, Dómine; dixi: Tu es Deus meus, in mánibus tuis témpora mea.

IN you have I put my trust, O Lord; I said: “You are my God, my destiny is in your hands.”

(YEAR A) COMMUNION CHANT Mt 2: 20

TOLLE púerum et matrem eius, et vade in terram Israël: defúnti sunt enim, qui quærébant ánimam púeri.

TAKE the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the child’s life are dead.

(YEARS B & C) COMMUNION CHANT Lk 2: 48-49

FILI, quid fecísti nobis sic? ego et pater tuus doléntes quærebámus te. Et quid est, quod me quærebátis? nesciebátis, quia in his, quæ Patris mei sunt, opórtet me esse?

MY son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you. How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?

Optional Readings for Year B

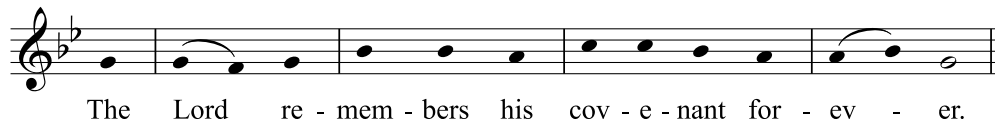
FIRST READING Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

THE word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and

said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 105 (104): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9



℣. Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; | make known among the nations his deeds. | Sing to him, sing his praise, | proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

℣. Glory in his holy name; | rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! | Look to the LORD in his strength; | constantly seek his face.

℣. You descendants of Abraham, his servants, | sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! | He, the LORD, is our God; | throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

℣. He remembers forever his covenant | which he made binding for a thousand generations | which he entered into with Abraham | and by his oath to Isaac.

SECOND READING Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

BROTHERS and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Heb 1: 1-2

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

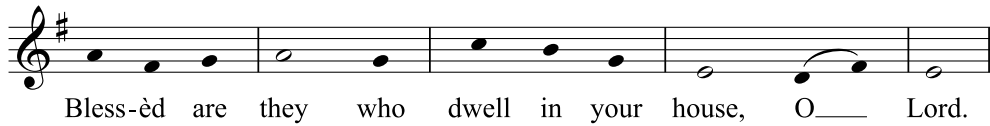
Optional Readings for Year C

FIRST READING I Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28

IN those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, “Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite.”

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy’s father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: “Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.” Hannah left Samuel there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84 (83): 2-3, 5-6, 9-10



✠. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! | My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD. | My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

✠. Happy they who dwell in your house! | Continually they praise you. | Happy the men whose strength you are! | Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

✠. O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer; | hearken, O God of Jacob! | O God, behold our shield, | and look upon the face of your anointed.

SECOND READING I Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24

BELOVED: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf. Acts 16: 14b

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.