



and live among a people of unclean lips,  
and because my eyes have seen the King,  
the LORD of Armies.

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said:

Now that this has touched your lips,  
your iniquity is removed  
and your sin is atoned for.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 2*



## Ascribe to the LORD Glory

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## Epistle

*Romans 11:33–36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways!  
For who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?  
And who has ever given to God, that he should be repaid?  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

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## Verse of the Day

*Liturgical Text*

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## Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to him at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him.”

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

“How can anyone be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked him. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

“Are you a teacher of Israel and don’t know these things?” Jesus replied. “Truly I tell you, we speak what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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