

Psalm

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a



Give Thanks to the LORD

- ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
- ³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
- ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–16

Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another. Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one

another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Luke 1:45

P Alleluia. Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judah where she entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped inside her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and your child will be blessed! How could this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For you see, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped for joy inside me. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill what he has spoken to her!”

And Mary said: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, because he has looked with favor on the humble condition of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and his name is holy. His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear him. He has done a mighty deed with his arm; he has scattered the proud because of the thoughts of their hearts; he has toppled the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. He has satisfied the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant

Israel, remembering his mercy to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he spoke to our ancestors.

And Mary stayed with her about three months; then she returned to her home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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