

HOLY FAMILY



FIRST READING: *Colossians 3:12-21*

This is a reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters,

You are God's chosen people,
holy and well loved. Therefore,
be kind and patient with one another.

Be honest and gentle with one another.
Forgive each other as God has forgiven you.
And, most of all, love one another.

Let the peace of Christ be in your hearts.
And always be thankful. Let the word of Christ,
which is so wonderful, live in you.

Help each other to grow and to become better.
Everything you say or do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
And always give thanks to God through Jesus.

Wives and husbands, love one another
and take care of each other,
because this is what God asks of you.
Children, obey your parents
because this is what God asks of you.
Parents, be patient and gentle with your children,
so that they will be encouraged.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 96*

All the families of the earth, rejoice to hear of the Savior's birth.

Verse:

Proclaim salvation! God's wonders done for the earth.

(Repeat Response after the Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Good news, good news! Alleluia!
Our Lord and Savior is born.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:22-25, 27-36, 38-40*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God and to make an offering of two turtledoves. That same day, a man named Simeon came to the temple. He was a good and holy man and was waiting for the Messiah to come. When Simeon saw the child, Jesus, he took him in his arms and praised God and said,

“Now, God, you have kept your promise.
I have seen the Savior.
He is the light of the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

Jesus’ mother and father were amazed at what Simeon said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary,

“This child will be a sign for all the people of Israel.
Some people will accept him and be saved.
Others will reject him.
And in your heart you will suffer because of this.”

There was also a holy woman, a prophetess named Anna, who was in the temple. When she saw the child, she, too, began to praise God. And she talked about him to everyone who was waiting for the Messiah to come.

Mary and Joseph went back to Nazareth.
And the child, Jesus, grew in size and strength.
He was filled with the wisdom and grace of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.