

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Thank-offering for the mighty acts of God (*NET*)

When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you occupy it and live in it, ² you must take the first of all the ground's produce you harvest from the land the LORD your God is giving you, place it in a basket, and go to the place where He chooses to locate His Name. ³ You must go to the priest in office at that time and say to him, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD promised to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ The priest will then take the basket from you and set it before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you must affirm before the LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor, and he went down to Egypt and lived there as a foreigner with a household few in number, but there he became a great, powerful, and numerous people. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated and oppressed us, forcing us to do burdensome labour. ⁷ So we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and He heard us and saw our humiliation, toil, and oppression. ⁸ Therefore the LORD brought us out of Egypt with tremendous strength and power, as well as with great awe-inspiring signs and wonders. ⁹ Then He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now, look! I have brought the first of the ground's produce that You, LORD, have given me." Then you must set it down before the LORD your God and worship before Him. ¹¹ You will celebrate all the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your family, along with the Levites and the resident foreigners among you.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1,2,9-16 (*NRSV*)

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, ¹⁰ no evil shall befall you, no scourge will come near your tent. ¹¹ For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹² On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. ¹⁴ Those who love Me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know My name. ¹⁵ When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them My salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13 The Christian confession: Jesus is Lord (ESV)

^{8b} “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13 Jesus tempted (ISV)

¹ Then Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where He was being tempted by the Devil for 40 days. During that time He ate nothing at all, and when they were over He became hungry. ³ The Devil told Him, “Since You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One must not live on bread alone, but on every word of God.’” ⁵ The Devil also took Him to a high place and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant. ⁶ He told Jesus, “I will give You all this authority, along with their glory, because it has been given to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ So if You will worship me, all this will be Yours.” ⁸ But Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.’” ⁹ The Devil also took Him into Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the Temple. He told Jesus, “Since You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, ¹⁰ because it is written, ‘God will put His angels in charge of you to watch over you carefully. ¹¹ With their hands they will hold you up, so that you will never hit your foot against a rock.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It has been said, ‘You must not tempt the Lord your God.’” ¹³ After the Devil had finished tempting Jesus in every possible way, he left Him until another time.