

Readings at Mass for the Patronal Festival of Our Lady of Walsingham

INTROIT HYMN

**Hail Mary, ever blessèd,
Of Walsingham the Queen:
Through vision of Richeldis,
Thy favours there were seen;
When England was thy dowry,
There pilgrims bow'd the knee:
At morn and noon and even,
They knelt to honour thee.**

**Hail Mary, ever blessèd,
Thy children still delight
To tell abroad thy praises,
Thy miracles, thy might;
Still pilgrim feet are treading
Along the holy way:
Hostess of England's Naz'reth,
Receive us home today.**

**Hail Mary, ever blessèd,
The wells of water pure,
Which mark thy holy places,
Are signs that God doth cure;
For sick of soul and body,
E'en since Richeldis' day,
They spring in benediction,
beside the Pilgrims' Way.**

**Hail Mary, ever blessèd,
Thy Name is great indeed:
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
Was in thy womb conceived;
Thy Name be ever praised,
Increasing in this place,
And loud the Angel's greeting:
'Hail Mary, full of grace!'**

FIRST READING

GALATIANS 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians
When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts — the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father' — and it is this that makes you a son: you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LUKE 1.46-55

**R. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name!**

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. **R.**

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name! **R.**

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted. **R.**

He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty. **R.**

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5.1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

So far then we have seen that, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings.

These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are you, O Blessed Virgin Mary; / without dying,
you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord. **R.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 19.25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of Faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

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