

Readings at Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 7.10-14; 8.10C

A reading from the Prophet, Isaiah

In those days: *The Lord spoke to Ahaz, 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel - God is with us.'*

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 Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through him we have also obtained access by faith into
this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of
the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our
sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character, and character
produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou among women. **R.**

GOSPEL

LUKE 1.26-38

At that time: *The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!' But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'*

And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be, since I am a virgin?' And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy - the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory
hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars*

This evening's incense is Chypre