

Readings at Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

ENTRANCE HYMN *New English Hymnal* 188*
(omit *starred verses)

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 1.46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55; R. V. 49

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. **R.**

For he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness;
for, behold, from this day forward,

all generations shall call me blessed.

For the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name. **R.**

His mercy is from age to age, / for those who fear him.
He has made known the strength of his arm, / and has
scattered the proud in their conceit of heart. **R.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted those who are lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich empty away. **R.**

He has helped his servant Israel,
mindful of his mercy,
even as he promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants 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 you.

Blessed are you among women. **R.**

GOSPEL

LUKE 1.26-38

At that time: In the sixth month, 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN *New English Hymnal* 387

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 also displayed on the boards on the pillars
(*omit the starred verses in the Entrance Hymn)*

*This evening's incense was brought back from Rhodes,
by Fr Richard - following his recent holiday there*