

A Reading from the Book of Sirach

Behold him in whose time the house of God was
renovated, in whose days the temple was reinforced.

In his time the reservoir was dug, the pool with a vastness
like the sea's.

He protected his people against brigands and
strengthened his city against the enemy.

Like a star shining among the clouds, like the full moon
at the holyday season;

Like the sun shining upon the temple, like the rainbow
appearing in the cloudy sky.

Word of the Lord

Reading from the Letter to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters, may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation.

Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Word of the Lord

Reading from the Gospel according to Mathew

At that time Jesus said in reply, “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord