

NOVEMBER 21, THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: MORNING PRAYER

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page for the second reading.

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PSALM 24, 33; ISAIAH 61:8-11; JOHN 8:31-36 (PSALMS AND FIRST READING ARE BASED ON THE RC LECTORY; THE SECOND READING IS FROM MP ON THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD)

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to any one. How is it that you say, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.