

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

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Hag'gai	HAG-igh
Dari'us	duh-RIGH-uhs
Zerub'babel	zuh-RUHB-uh-buhl
She-al'ti-el	shi-AL-tee-el
Jehoz'adak	juh-HAHZ-uh-dak

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Hag'gai

In the second year of Dari'us the king, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Hag'gai the prophet, "Speak now to Zerub'babel the son of She-al'ti-el, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehoz'adak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, 'Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerub'babel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua,

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PSALM 20, 21; HAGGAI 2:1-9; GALATIANS 4:4-7 (PSALMS AND SECOND READING ARE BASED ON THE RC LECTONARY; THE FIRST READING IS FROM EP ON THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD)

son of Jehoz'adak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit abides among you; fear not. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.’ ”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.