

Reading for the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

7th October 2026

First reading

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14

‘They perceived the grace that was given to me.’

Brothers and Sisters: After fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised — for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles — and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. Only they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, ‘If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his mercy has prevailed over us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:1-4

‘Lord, teach us to pray.’

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ And he said to them, ‘When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’

These are the readings for the memorial

First reading

Acts 1:12-14

‘All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.’

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52-53. 54-55. R49

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

or: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

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

For he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness; for behold, from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

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

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.

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 away empty.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Lk1:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

‘Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.’

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.

Short reflection on the reading for today

The Rosary invites us to pray about the great mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We honour the Virgin Mary as a deeply reflective person. In the second chapter of his gospel, Luke says of her that she “treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.” Again, in response to what Jesus said to her in the temple, Luke says that Mary “treasured all these things in her heart.” Luke presents her as a contemplative person, reflecting on all that was happening in the life of her Son. To that extent, she embodies the attitude of mind and heart that we are invited to bring to praying the Rosary. In that prayer, we treasure and ponder upon the key moments in the journey of Jesus in this world and from this world to the Father.

Mary not only pondered on what God was doing in the words and deeds of her Son, but she gave herself over to what God was doing, as shown by her response to the visit of Gabriel in today’s gospel, “Let what you have said be done to me” or “Let it be to me according to your word.” As we ponder on all God is doing in the words and deeds of Jesus, we too will hear the call to give ourselves over more fully to God’s purpose for our lives.

