

**Psalm 136:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>4</sup>to him who alone does great wonders, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>5</sup>to him who by understanding made the heavens, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>6</sup>to him who spread out the earth above the waters, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>7</sup>to him who made the great lights, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>8</sup>the sun to rule over the day, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule over the night, \*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

## **OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **EPISTLE: Romans 9:1–5**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

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**Thanks be to God**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**