

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre,
as he sat in the entrance of his tent,
while the day was growing hot.

Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby.
When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent
to greet them;
and bowing to the ground, he said:
“Sir, if I may ask you this favor,
please do not go on past your servant.

Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet,
and then rest yourselves under the tree.

Now that you have come this close to your servant,
let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh
yourselves;
and afterward you may go on your way.”

The men replied, “Very well, do as you have said.”

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah,
“Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and
make rolls.”

He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer,
and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it.

Then Abraham got some curds and milk,
as well as the steer that had been prepared,
and set these before the three men;
and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, “Where is your wife Sarah?”

He replied, “There in the tent.”

One of them said, “I will surely return to you
about this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son.”

The Word of the Lord!

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh I am filling up
what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ
on behalf of his body, which is the church,
of which I am a minister
in accordance with God's stewardship given to me
to bring to completion for you the word of God,
the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.

But now it has been manifested to his holy ones,
to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the Gentiles;
it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.

It is he whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord!

Gospel

Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
"Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me."
The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many
things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her."