

A Reading from the Book of Numbers

The Lord said to Moses:

“Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them:

 This is how you shall bless the Israelites.

Say to them:

 The Lord bless you and keep you!

 The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

 The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,
 and I will bless them.”

The Word of the Lord!

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
to ransom those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters.
As proof that you are sons and daughters,
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying out, “Abba, Father!”
So you are no longer a slave but a son or a daughter,
and if a son or a daughter then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord!

Gospel

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this,
they made known the message
that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed
by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision,
he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb.