

## Gospel

Lk. 2:41-52

### ✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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### Sentence

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

Colossians 3.14-15

### Prayer of the Day

God of community,

whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:  
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked  
with ours

that we fail not in loyalty to you,  
but make choices according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26**

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 148 — *A.P.B.A. page 378*

- 1 Praise the Lord praise the | Lord from | heaven:  
O | praise him | in the | heights.
- 2 Praise him | all his | angels:  
O | praise him | all his | host.
- 3 Praise him | sun and | moon:  
praise him | all you | stars of | light.
- 4 Praise him you | highest | heaven:  
and you waters that | are a | bove . the | heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the | name . of the | Lord:  
for he com | manded . and | they were | made.
- 6 He established them for | ever . and | ever:  
he made an ordinance which | shall not | pass a | way.

- 7 O praise the | Lord . from the | earth:  
praise him you sea- | monsters . and | all | deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail | mist and | snow:  
and storm-wind ful | filling | his com | mand;
- 9 Mountains and | all | hills:  
fruit | trees and | all ce | dars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild and | all | cattle:  
creeping | things and | winged | birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and | all | peoples:  
princes and all | rulers | of the | world;
- 12 Young | men and | maidens:  
old | folk and | children . to | gether.
- 13 Let them praise the | name . of the | Lord:  
for | his . name a | lone is ex | alted.
- 14 His glory is above | earth and | heaven:  
and he has lifted | high the | horn . of his | people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of | all his | servants:  
of the children of Israel a people that is near him. |  
Praise | — the | Lord.

### Second Reading

**Col. 3:12-17**

**A reading from the letter to the Colossians**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia!**