

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

24th September



Entrance Antiphon

Prov 23:24a, 25

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice.
Let your father and mother be glad;
let her who bore you rejoice.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as in the mystery of the Incarnation
the blessed and ever-Virgin Mary
conceived your Son in her heart
before she conceived him in the womb,
so we, your pilgrim people,
rejoicing in her motherly care,
may welcome him into our hearts
and become a holy house fit for his eternal dwelling.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10c

'Behold, the virgin shall conceive.'

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

In those days: The Lord spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel — God is with us.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.**

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

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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

Acclamation before the Gospel

cf. Lk 1:28

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.'

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, O Lord,
these offerings of conciliation and praise,
humbly asking that,
following the example of the Virgin of Walsingham,
we may present our very selves
as a holy sacrifice pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Lk 2: 51

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth
and was submissive to them.

Prayer after Communion

All-holy Father,
look with kindness on those you have strengthened
with the Sacrament from heaven,
so that, through the example
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may work silently at building up your kingdom on earth
and so enjoy its fulfilment in heaven,
in the company of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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