

**MARY MOTHER  
OF GOD  
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## FIRST READING Num 6:22-27

### A reading from the Book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

## RESP PSALM Ps 66:2-8.

**(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.**

1. God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples.  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING GAL 4:4-7

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HEB 1:1-2

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

