



TODAY's READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Myeongdong
Catholic Cathedral
Archdiocese
of Seoul
December 21st, 2025

1st Reading: IS 7:10-14

Reader: A reading from the book of
the prophet Isaiah

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as
the sky!
But Ahaz answered,
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"
Then Isaiah said:
Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you
this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. **R.**

2. Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain. **R.**

3. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

2nd Reading: ROM 1:1-7

Reader: A reading from the letter of
St. Paul to the Romans

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,
called to be an apostle and set apart for the
gospel of God,
which he promised previously through his
prophets in the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from
David according to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of
apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith,
for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,
among whom are you also, who are called
to belong to Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to
be holy.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia: MT 1:23

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Alleluia.

Gospel: MT 1:18-24

**Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew**

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a
righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife
into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name
him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord
had said through the prophet:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a
son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."
When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had
commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

☐ **English Mass on Christmas day (Dec.25th)**
will take place at 9:00AM as usual.

☐ **The Nativity of the Lord Mass (Dec.24th)**
* 10:30PM: The adoration at the manger
* 12:00AM: Christmas Mass during the Night
Celebrant by Archbishop Peter Soon-taick Chung
(The church will be opened from 9PM.)

☐ Access to the underground parking lot on
Dec.24th&25th will only be available via
Samil-daero. Please note that if the parking
lot is full, entry will not be possible.
We encourage you to use public transport.

☐ **There will be no confession available
from Dec.24th until Jan.1st of next year.**
Those who need the sacrament of confession or
other sacraments can contact Father Isaac directly
via email: isaacseoul@gmail.com

☐ **Today's Hymns**

Entrance	283	MARANATHA
Offertory	644	YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE
Communion	806	AVE VERUM CORPUS
	802	ONE LOVE RELEASED
Recessional	-	PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life' s path I trust in you.**

**Every nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.**

*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

MT 1:23