

MASS FOR THE BICENTENNAL  
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

60:1-6

**R**ise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;

but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:

your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

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**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1: 3-14

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.  
In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus  
Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will,  
for the praise of the glory of his grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.  
In him we have redemption by his blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions,  
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.  
In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us  
the mystery of his will in accord with his favor  
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times,  
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.  
In him we were also chosen,  
destined in accord with the purpose of the One  
who accomplishes all things according to the intention of  
his will,  
so that we might exist for the praise of his glory,  
we who first hoped in Christ.  
In him you also, who have heard the word of truth,  
the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him,  
were sealed with the promised holy Spirit,  
which is the first installment of our inheritance  
toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his  
glory.

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**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel ✠ according to John

17: 11b, 17-23

**J**esus raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, saying:  
“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,  
so that they may be one just as we are.  
Consecrate them in the truth.  
Your word is truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them,  
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

“I pray not only for them,  
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,  
so that they may all be one,  
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
that the world may believe that you sent me.  
And I have given them the glory you gave me,  
so that they may be one, as we are one,  
I in them and you in me,  
that they may be brought to perfection as one,  
that the world may know that you sent me,  
and that you loved them even as you loved me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.