



Worship the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O Jerusalem;  
praise your <sup>1</sup> God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup> who has strengthened  
the bars <sup>1</sup> of your gates  
and has blessed  
your chil- <sup>1</sup> dren within you.  
<sup>14</sup> God has established peace  
<sup>1</sup> on your borders  
and satisfies you  
with the <sup>1</sup> finest wheat.  
<sup>15</sup> God sends out a command  
<sup>1</sup> to the earth,  
a word that runs <sup>1</sup> very swiftly.

<sup>16</sup> God gives <sup>1</sup> snow like wool,  
scattering <sup>1</sup> frost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup> God scatters <sup>1</sup> hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand a- <sup>1</sup> gainst God's cold?  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the <sup>1</sup> word  
and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the <sup>1</sup> waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup> God declares the <sup>1</sup> word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- <sup>1</sup> ments to Israel.  
<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so  
to any <sup>1</sup> other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

or Wisdom 10:15-21 [not printed]

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## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 [not printed]

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## Gospel

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did

not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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