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face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Psalm 8

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| 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in
all the world! | 6 You have made him but little
lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory
and honor; |
| 2 Out of the mouths of infants
and children * your majesty is
praised above the heavens. | 7 You give him mastery over
the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his
feet: |
| 3 You have set up a stronghold
against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the
avenger. | 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the
field, |
| 4 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers, * the
moon and the stars you have
set in their courses, | 9 The birds of the air, the fish of
the sea, * and whatsoever
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SECOND READING:

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL:

Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it

were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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