

**FIRST READING**  
Colossians 3:1–4

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians**

**B**rothers and sisters:

You have been raised to life with Christ.  
Now set your heart on what is in heaven,  
where Christ rules at God's right side.  
Think about what is up there,  
not about what is here on earth.

You died, which means that your life is hidden with Christ,  
who sits beside God.  
Christ gives meaning to your life,  
and when he appears,  
you will also appear with him in glory.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 147:1, 3–4, 5 & 7*

**All:** *Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.*

*Shout praises to the LORD!  
Our God is kind,  
and it is right and good  
to sing praises to him.*

**All:** *Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.*

*He renews our hopes  
and heals our bodies.  
He decided how many stars  
there would be in the sky  
and gave each one a name.*

**All:** *Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.*

*Our LORD is great and powerful!  
He understands everything.  
Celebrate and sing!  
Play your harps  
for the LORD our God.*

**All:** *Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.*

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**GOSPEL**  
Luke 12:16–21

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told the crowd this story:

“A rich man’s farm produced a big crop,  
and he said to himself, ‘What can I do?  
I don’t have a place large enough to store everything.’

“Later, he said, ‘Now I know that I’ll do.  
I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones,  
where I can store all my grain and other goods.  
Then I’ll say to myself,  
“You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come.  
Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool!  
Tonight you will die.  
Then who will get what you have stored up?’

“This is what happens to people who store up everything  
for themselves,  
but are poor in the sight of God.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**