

**Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite**  
**For Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 &**  
**The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas**  
*“Your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven’s royal throne . . .”*

**INTROIT** *Wisdom 18. 14-15.* While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven from Thy royal throne. – (*Psalm 92. 1*). The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. *V.* Glory be . . . – While all things were in quiet silence...

**COLLECT** O almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the Name of Thy beloved Son we may deserve to abound in good works: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth...

**EPISTLE** *Galatians 4. 1-7.* Brethren, As long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be Lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 44. 3, 2.* Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. *V.* My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my words to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* (*Psalm 92. 1*). The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself with might. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** *Luke 2. 33-40.* At that time Joseph and Mary the mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His Mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thine own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 92. 1, 2.* God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old, Thou art from everlasting.

**SECRET** Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering made in the sight of Thy Majesty may obtain for us the grace of loving devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord...

*Preface of Christmas*

**COMMUNION** *Matthew 2. 20.* Take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

**POSTCOMMUNION** By the working of this Mystery, O Lord, may our vices be cleansed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord...