

**Old Testament Reading:  
Zechariah 9:9–12**

- <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of  
Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to  
you;  
righteous and having salvation  
is he,  
humble and mounted on a don-  
key,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from  
Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusa-  
lem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the  
nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends  
of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the  
blood of my covenant with  
you,  
I will set your prisoners free  
from the waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O pris-  
oners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore  
to you double.

**Epistle: Romans 7:14–25a**

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual,  
but I am of the flesh, sold under  
sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own  
actions. For I do not do what I want,  
but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now  
if I do what I do not want, I agree  
with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now  
it is no longer I who do it, but sin  
that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know

that nothing good dwells in me, that  
is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to  
do what is right, but not the ability to  
carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good  
I want, but the evil I do not want is  
what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do  
what I do not want, it is no longer  
I who do it, but sin that dwells within  
me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when  
I want to do right, evil lies close at  
hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of  
God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in  
my members another law waging war  
against the law of my mind and mak-  
ing me captive to the law of sin that  
dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched  
man that I am! Who will deliver me  
from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be  
to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I  
thank you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth, that you have hidden these  
things from the wise and understand-  
ing and revealed them to little chil-  
dren; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your  
gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been  
handed over to me by my Father,  
and no one knows the Son except  
the Father, and no one knows the  
Father except the Son and anyone to  
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  
<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are  
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn  
from me, for I am gentle and lowly in  
heart, and you will find rest for your  
souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my  
burden is light."

**About the Cover:** In the midst of unrest among nations, Jesus has come to speak peace. His peace is not like what the world promises. His peace is eternal and secured by His cross and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus continues to speak peace to the nations through His Church through His Word and Sacraments. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:30).

