

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 2:6–15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 78:1-7

Said by half verse

- ¹ Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- ³ That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- ⁴ We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power
of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- ⁵ He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- ⁶ That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- ⁷ So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;