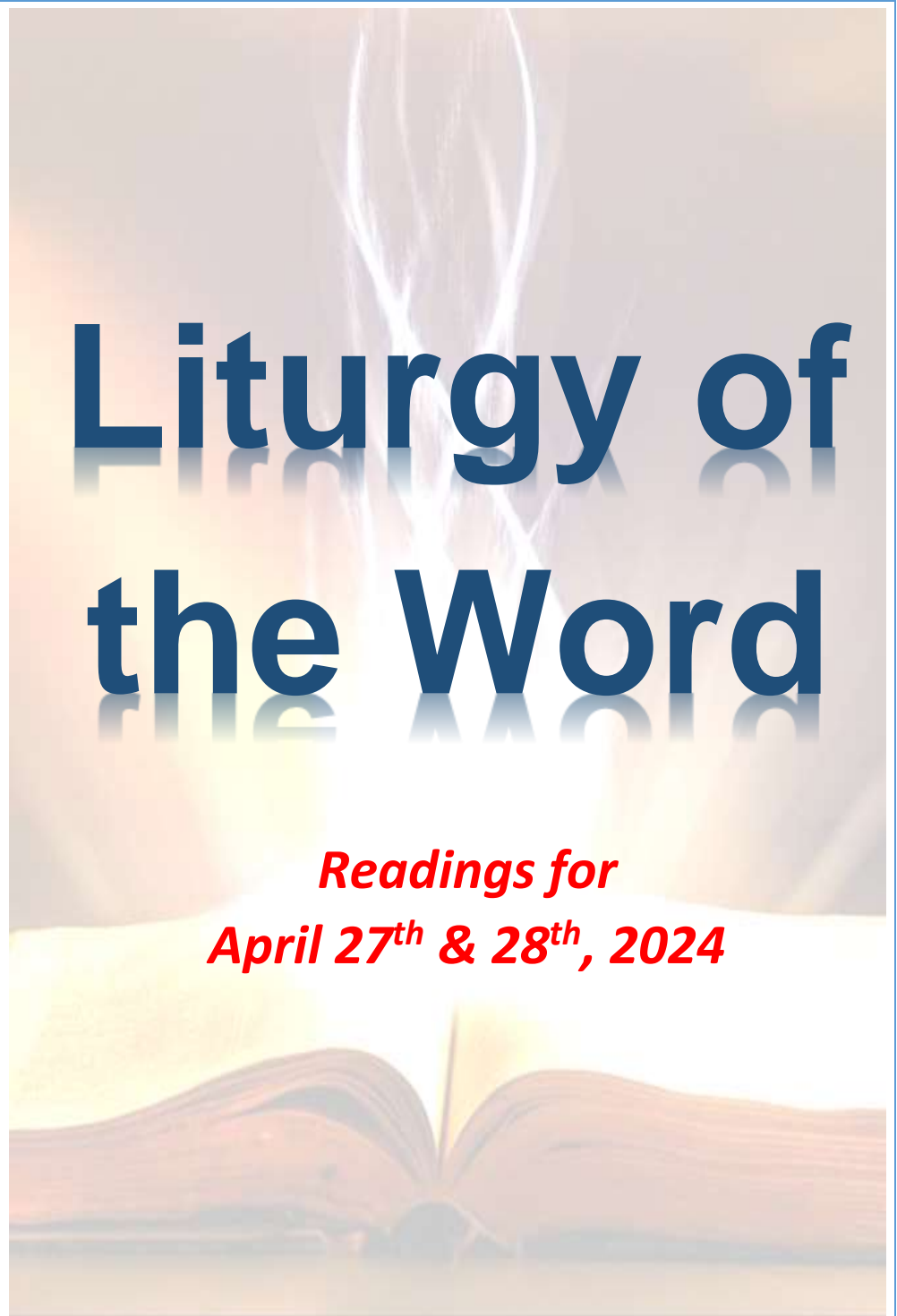




# Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for  
April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



## First Reading

*He told them how he had seen the Lord on the road.*

### **Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles(9, 26-31)**

When Paul returned to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, because they did not believe he had become a disciple. Then Barnabas introduced him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way, how the Lord had spoken to him, and how he had boldly preached in the name of Jesus in Damascus. Since then he lived with them in Jerusalem, went and came, preaching openly in the name of the Lord, talked and argued with the Greek-speaking Jews, and they tried to kill him. Upon learning of this, the brothers took Paul to Caesarea and sent him to Tarsus. In those days, the Christian communities enjoyed peace throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria, thereby consolidating themselves, progressing in fidelity to God and multiplying themselves, animated by the Holy Spirit.

**Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 21

### **R. Blessed be the Lord. Hallelujah.**

\* I will keep my promises to the Lord before his faithful. The poor will eat their fill, and those who seek him will praise the Lord: their hearts will live forever. **R.**

\* They will remember the Lord and return to him from the farthest places in the world; All the families of the villages will bow down to him. Only before him will all who die bow down. **R.**

\* My descendants will serve you and tell the next generation, the people to be born, about the righteousness of the Lord and all that he has done. **R.**



## Second Reading

*This is His commandment: that we believe and love one another.*

### **Reading from the First Letter of the Apostle John (3, 18-24)**

My children, let us not love only in word; let us love in truth and in works. In this we will know that we are of the truth and before God we will calm our conscience of anything that it reproaches us, because God is greater than our conscience and knows everything. If our conscience does not repel us, then, my brothers, our trust in God is total. Since we fulfill God's commandments and do what pleases Him, we will certainly obtain from Him everything we ask of Him. Now this is His commandment: May we believe in the person of Jesus Christ, His Son, and love one another, according to the precept He gave us. Whoever fulfills his commandments remains in God and God in him. In this we know, through the Spirit that he has given us, that he abides in us. **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Holy Gospel

*He who abides in me and I in him, he bears abundant fruit.*

### **Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 15, 1-8**

*Glory to you, Lord*

The Vine and the Branches— "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

**Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***

