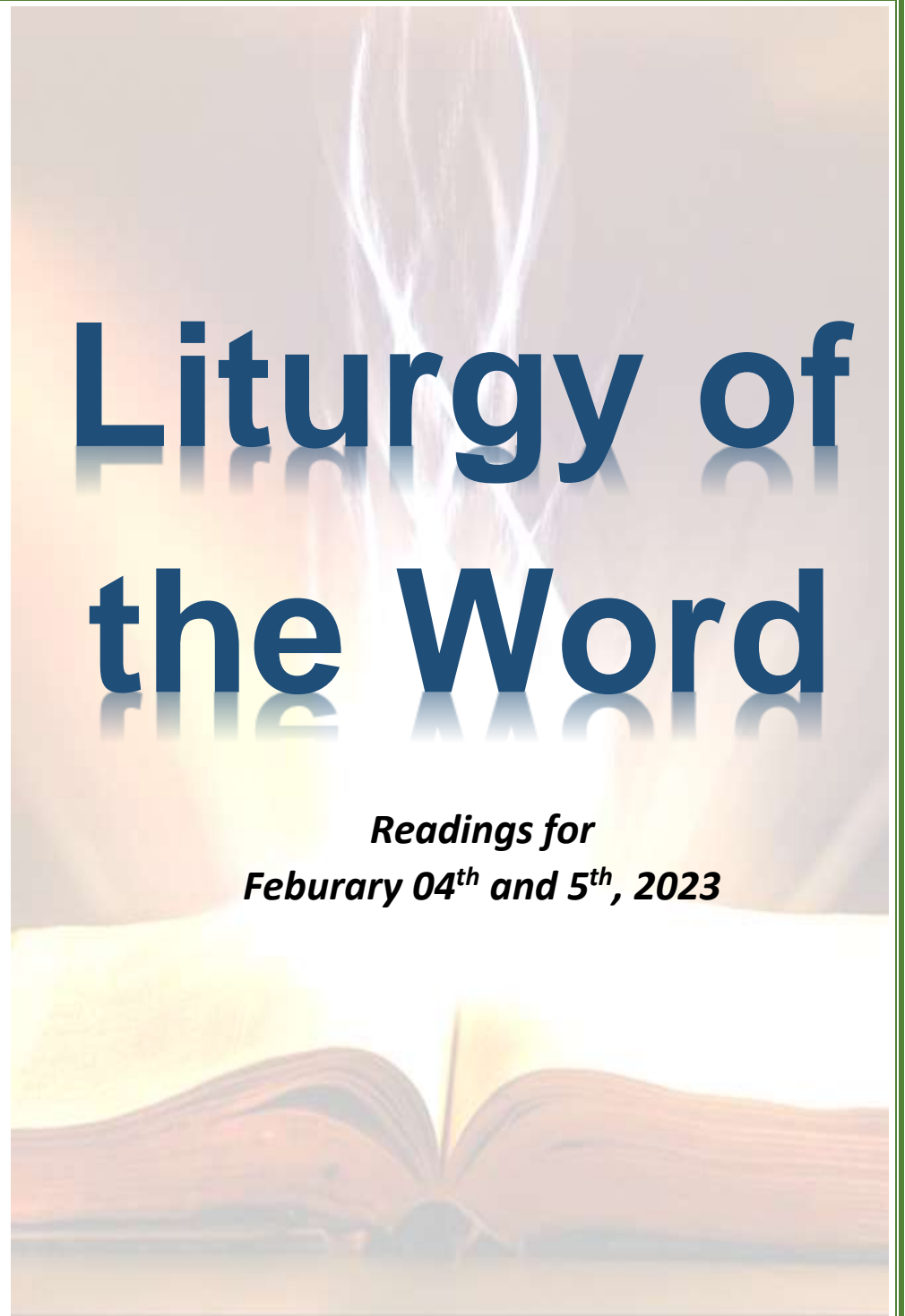




# Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for  
February 04<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023*



## First Reading

*Then your light will arise like the dawn.*

### Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (58:7-10)

This is what the Lord says: “Share your bread with the hungry, open your house to the homeless poor, dress the naked, and do not turn your back on your own brother. Then your light will emerge like the dawn and your wounds will heal quickly; justice will open your way and the glory of the Lord will close your march. Then you will cry out to the Lord and He will answer you; you will call Him, and He will say to you, ‘Here I am.’ When you renounce oppressing others and banish from you the threatening gesture and the offensive word; when you share your bread with the hungry and satisfy the need of the humiliated, your light will shine in the darkness and your darkness will be like noon **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 111

### **R. The righteous shine like a light in the darkness.**

\* He who is just, gracious and compassionate, as a light in the darkness shines. Those who, pitied, lend and conduct their business honestly will never deviate. **R.**



\* The righteous will not waver; He will live his memory forever. He will not fear bad news, for in the Lord he lives confidently. **R.**

\* His heart is firm and fearless. To the poor he gives alms, he always acts according to justice; His brow will rise full of glory. **R**

## Second Reading

*I have announced Christ crucified to you.*

### Reading from the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2, 1-5)

Brothers and sisters, when I came to your city to proclaim the Gospel to you, I did not seek to do so by the eloquence of language or human wisdom, but I decided not to speak to you but of Jesus Christ, and indeed of Jesus Christ crucified. I presented myself before you weak and trembling with fear. When I spoke to them and preached the Gospel to them, I did not want to convince them with the words of a wise man. On the contrary, I convinced you through the Spirit and power of God, so that your faith would depend on the power of God and not on the wisdom of men.

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

## Holy Gospel

*You are the light of the world.*

### Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (5, 13-16)

*Glory to you, Lord*

Salt and Light—“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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