

3) A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:

Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;

let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered,

"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"

Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David!

Is it not enough for you to weary people,

must you also weary my God?

Therefore the LORD himself will give you this sign:

the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,

and shall name him Emmanuel.

The word of the LORD.