

# Readings: Feria

**First Reading: [Ezk 1:2-5, 24-28](#)**

On the fifth day of the fourth month of the fifth year,  
that is, of King Jehoiachin's exile,  
The word of the LORD came to the priest Ezeziel,  
the son of Buzi,  
in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar.—

There the hand of the LORD came upon me.

As I looked, a stormwind came from the North,  
a huge cloud with flashing fire enveloped in brightness,  
from the midst of which (the midst of the fire)  
something gleamed like electrum.  
Within it were figures resembling four living creatures

that looked like this: their form was human.

Then I heard the sound of their wings,  
like the roaring of mighty waters,  
like the voice of the Almighty.  
When they moved, the sound of the tumult was like the din of an army.

And when they stood still, they lowered their wings.

Above the firmament over their heads  
something like a throne could be seen,  
looking like sapphire.  
Upon it was seated, up above, one who had the appearance of a man.  
Upward from what resembled his waist I saw what gleamed like electrum;  
downward from what resembled his waist I saw what looked like fire;  
he was surrounded with splendor.  
Like the bow which appears in the clouds on a rainy day  
was the splendor that surrounded him.

Such was the vision of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

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**Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 148:1-2,11-12,13,14](#)**

**R/ Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights;  
Praise him, all you his angels;  
praise him, all you his hosts.  
**R/ Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
the princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men too, and maidens,  
old men and boys,  
**R/ Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

**R/ Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

And he has lifted up the horn of his people,  
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,  
from the children of Israel, the people close to him.  
Alleluia.

**R/ Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

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**Gospel Reading: [Matthew 17:22-27](#)**

While Jesus was in Galilee with the Twelve, he said to them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into human hands, and they will kill him. But he will rise on the third day." The Twelve were deeply grieved.

On returning to Capernaum, the Temple tax collectors came to Peter and asked him, "Does your master pay the temple tax?" He answered, "Certainly."

Peter then entered the house, but immediately Jesus asked him, "What do you think, Simon? Who pay taxes or tributes to the kings of the earth: their sons or the other people?" Peter replied, "The others." And Jesus told him, "The sons, then, are tax-free. But so as not to offend these people, go to the sea, throw in a hook and open the mouth of the first fish you catch. You will find a coin in it, take it and let it pay for you and for me."

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