

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-40

See, upon the mountains there advances  
the bearer of good news,  
announcing peace!  
Celebrate your feasts, O Judah,  
fulfill your vows!  
For nevermore shall you be invaded  
by the scoundrel; he is completely destroyed.  
The LORD will restore the vine of Jacob,  
the pride of Israel,  
Though ravagers have ravaged them  
  
and ruined the tendrils.

Woe to the bloody city, all lies,  
full of plunder, whose looting never stops!  
The crack of the whip, the rumbling sounds of wheels;  
horses a-gallop, chariots bounding,  
Cavalry charging, the flame of the sword, the flash of the spear,  
the many slain, the heaping corpses,  
the endless bodies to stumble upon!  
I will cast filth upon you,  
disgrace you and put you to shame;  
Till everyone who sees you runs from you, saying,  
"Nineveh is destroyed; who can pity her?"

Where can one find any to console her?"

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## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21

### R./ I remember the deeds of the Lord.

I remember the deeds of the Lord;  
yes, I remember your wonders of old.  
And I meditate on your works;  
your exploits I ponder.

R./ I remember the deeds of the Lord.

O God, your way is holy;  
what great god is there like our God?  
You are the God who works wonders;  
among the peoples you have made known your power.

R./ I remember the deeds of the Lord.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,  
the sons of Jacob and Joseph.  
You led your people like a flock  
under the care of Moses and Aaron.

R./ I remember the deeds of the Lord.

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## Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:24-28

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. For whoever chooses to save his life will lose it, but the one who loses his life for my sake will find it. What will one gain by winning the whole world if he destroys himself? There is nothing you can give to recover your own self.

"Know that the Son of Man will come in the Glory of his Father with the holy angels, and he will reward each one according to his deeds. Truly, I tell you, there are some here who will not die before they see the Son of Man coming as king."

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