

Reading

Ephesians 1:3a, 4a, 13-19a

You have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

- ³ Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ.
- ¹³ Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth
and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it;
and you too have been stamped
with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
¹⁴ the pledge of our inheritance
which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.
- ¹⁵ That will explain why I,
having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus,
and the love that you show towards all the saints,
¹⁶ have never failed to remember you in my prayers
and to thank God for you.
- ¹⁷ May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed,
to bring you to full knowledge of him.
- ¹⁸ May he enlighten the eyes of your mind
so that you can see what hope his call holds for you,
what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit
¹⁹ and how infinitely great is the power
that he has exercised for us believers.

The word of the Lord.