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The Word of God *Dei Verbum*
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Eph 1:⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him

Eph 2:¹⁸for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

2 Pet 1:⁴Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

Col 1:¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

1 Tim 1:¹⁷To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ex 33:¹¹The LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a person speaks to a friend. Moses would then return to the camp, but his young assistant, Joshua, son of Nun, never left the tent.

Jn 15:¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what

his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

Bar 3:³⁸ Thus she has appeared on earth, is at home with mortals.

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Jn 1:³ All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be

Rom 1:¹⁹ For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. ²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse;

Gen 3:¹⁵ Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light.

Rom 2:⁶ who will repay everyone according to his works:

⁷ eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality through perseverance in good works,

Gen 12:² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will find blessing in you.

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Heb 1:¹ In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; ² in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,

Jn 1:¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be ⁴ through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; ⁵ the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ A man named John was sent from God. ⁷ He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did

not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, ¹³who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, ¹⁷because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Jn 3:³⁴For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He does not ration his gift of the Spirit.

Jn 5:³⁶But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

Jn 17:⁴I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.

Jn 14:⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

1 Tim 6:¹⁴to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ

Titus 2:¹³as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ,

John 1:¹⁴And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

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Rom 16:²⁶but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,

Rom 1:⁵ Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,

2 Cor 10:⁵ and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ,⁶ and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

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2 Cor 1:²⁰ For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him; therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory.

2 Cor 3:¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the Lord the veil is removed.¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.¹⁸ All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit. **4th Chapter:**¹ Therefore, since we have this ministry through the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged.² Rather, we have renounced shameful, hidden things; not acting deceitfully or falsifying the word of God, but by the open declaration of the truth we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.³ And even though our gospel is veiled, it is veiled for those who are perishing,⁴ in whose case the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they may not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.⁵ For we do not preach ourselves* but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus.⁶ For God who said, "Let light shine out of

darkness,” has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ.

1 Jn 3:²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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1 Cor 11:²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread,²⁴ and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”²⁵In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 Cor 15:¹Now I am reminding you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand.²Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;⁴that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;⁵that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.⁷After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.

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2 Th 2:¹⁵Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.

Jude :³Beloved, although I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I now feel a need to write to

encourage you to contend for the faith that was once for all handed down to the holy ones.

Luke 2:¹⁹ And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:⁵¹ He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

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Col: 3¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Find Chapter II of *Lumen Gentium* on the BBB Website.

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Acts 2:⁴² They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

1 Tim 6:²⁰ O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid profane babbling and the absurdities of so-called knowledge.

2 Tim 1:¹⁴ Guard this rich trust with the help of the holy Spirit that dwells within us.

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Mark 9:³⁵ Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Mark 10:⁴² Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; ⁴⁴whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man

did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Mark 6:³ Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

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John 20:³¹ But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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2 Pet 1:¹⁹ Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Know this first of all, that there is no prophecy of scripture that is a matter of personal interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.

2 Pet 3:¹⁵ And consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, as our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, also wrote to you, ¹⁶speaking of these things as he does in all his letters. In them there are some things hard to understand that the

ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction, just as they do the other scriptures.

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Gen 15:¹⁸In the fourth generation * your descendants will return here, for the wickedness of the Amorites is not yet complete.

Ex 24:⁸Then he took the blood and splashed it on the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.”

Psalms 21:¹For the leader. A psalm of David. ²LORD, the king finds joy in your power; in your victory how greatly he rejoices! ³You have granted him his heart’s desire; you did not refuse the request of his lips. ⁴For you welcomed him with goodly blessings; you placed on his head a crown of pure gold. ⁵He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever. ⁶Great is his glory in your victory; majesty and splendor you confer upon him. ⁷You make him the pattern of blessings forever, you gladden him with the joy of your face. ⁸For the king trusts in the LORD, stands firm through the mercy of the Most High. ⁹Your hand will find all your enemies; your right hand will find your foes! ¹⁰At the time of your coming you will make them a fiery furnace. Then the LORD in his anger will consume them, devour them with fire. ¹¹Even their descendants you will wipe out from the earth, their offspring from the human race.

¹²Though they intend evil against you, devising plots, they will not succeed, ¹³For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bow. ¹⁴Arise, LORD, in your power! We will sing and chant the praise of your might.

Psalm 22:²⁸All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD; All the families of nations will bow low before him. ²⁹For kingship belongs to the LORD, the ruler over the nations.

Psalm 95:¹Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; cry out to the rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms. ³For the LORD is the great God, the great king over all gods,

Isa 2:¹This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come, The mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it. ³Many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, That he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and set terms for many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

Jer 3:¹⁷At that time they will call Jerusalem "the LORD's throne." All nations will gather together there to honor the name of the LORD at Jerusalem, and they will no longer stubbornly follow their wicked heart.

Rom 15:⁴For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

Deut 7:⁶For you are a people holy to the LORD, your God; the LORD, your God, has chosen you from all the peoples on the face of the earth to be a people specially his own. ⁷It was not because you are more numerous than all the peoples that the

LORD set his heart on you and chose you; for you are really the smallest of all peoples. ⁸It was because the LORD loved you and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn to your ancestors, that the LORD brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Gen 15:¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates,

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Luke 24:⁴⁴ He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”

John 5:³⁹ You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf.

1 Pet 1:¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and investigated it,

1 Cor 10:¹¹ These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

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Luke 22:²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

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Matt 5:¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Luke 24:²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.

Rom 16:²⁵[Now to him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages ²⁶but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,

2 Cor 3:¹⁴Rather, their thoughts were rendered dull, for to this present day the same veil remains unlifted when they read the old covenant, because through Christ it is taken away. ¹⁵To this day, in fact, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts, ¹⁶but whenever a person turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

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Rom 1:¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek.

Gal 4:⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

John 1:¹⁴And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 12:³²And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

John 6:⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Eph 3:⁴When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, ⁶that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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Matt 28:²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

John 16:¹³ But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

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Heb 4:¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

Acts 20:³² now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated.

1 Th 2:¹³ And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us,

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Phil 3:⁸ More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ

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2 Thess 3:¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you,

Isa 40:⁸ The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever.

1 Pet 1:²³ You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God,²⁴ for: “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the field; the grass withers, and the flower wilts;²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

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See **Isa 40:**⁸ and **1Pet 1:**²³⁻²⁵ above.

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[Matt 4](#):¹He said in reply, “It is written: ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’”⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple,⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you’ and ‘with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”⁷Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’”⁸Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence,⁹and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”¹⁰At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”¹¹Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Luke 4:¹Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert ²for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. ⁶The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and their glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. ⁷All this will be yours, if you worship me.” ⁸Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.’” ⁹Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹and: ‘With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

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Mic 4:³He shall judge between many peoples and set terms for strong and distant nations; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

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