St. Joseph (Mar. 19)
Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV) (ABC RCL)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. R: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
saw him they were as-ton-ished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treat-ed
us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anx-i-ety.” 49 He
said to them, “Why were you search-ing for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Fa-
ther’s house?” 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with
them and came to Naz-a-reth, and was o-be-dient to them. His mother treasured all these
things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in di-vine and hu-
man fa-vor. ¶ The Gospel of the Lord. ¶ Praise to you, Lord Christ.