

## **Romans 16:25-27<sup>v</sup>**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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### **<sup>v</sup> About Romans 16:25-27**

Today's reading is an expression of praise or doxology closing Paul's letter to the Romans. The good news that Paul makes known, the proclamation about Jesus Christ, is the "revelation of the mystery" (v. 25) of God's plan of salvation hidden in the Old Testament and now made known in Christ.

Though the Old Testament did not explain this mystery in advance, now, in retrospect, it reveals the significance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection as the fulfillment of God's plan. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit enabled Christian believers to comprehend the prophecies of the Old Testament and through them to discover God's astounding plan for the salvation not only of Jews but for Gentiles as well.