

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously ***
 and the poor with justice;
- 3 **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, ***
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; ***
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 **He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, ***
 from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, ***
 like showers that water the earth.
- 7 **In his time shall the righteous flourish; ***
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no
 more.
- 18 **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, ***
 who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 **And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! ***
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS

ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that

together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and

concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our bishop; and Suz, our priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our President, Henry, our Governor and all who serve in the Congress and the Courts; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially for
We pray for all those in any kind of need or trouble, especially for Dot and Bill, Violet, Frieda Wald, Carolyn Foster, Ann and Fred Hoffman, Kris, Betty Carter, Moira, Maria Stamey, Earl Burch, Robbie Hughes, Felix Salinas and family, Gilbert and Harriette, Jimmy Robertson, Maddie, Jenn, Doug and Linda, Laura, Joel Linder, Deepak, Lanita, Paul, Lucy, Barb Witmer, Kathy Naeseth and family, the Nicholas family, the Kunkel family, Kaye Hickman, the families of the victims of the mass shooting in Colorado Springs, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and the people of Haiti, especially our siblings in Cange and Bois Joli, *[those named below]*

Add prayers for the sick, those who suffer and those in any trouble.

Person to be prayed for	Person requesting prayer	Contact information for person requesting prayer

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Wilma Crayton, Louise Nicholas, Beth Kunkel, Daniel Davis Ashton, Raymond Green, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, and Joyce Fuente [*those named below*]

Add prayers for those who have died.

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Grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**