

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A branch will grow
from a stump of a tree that was cut down.

So a new king will come
from the family of Jesse.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon that king.
The Spirit gives him wisdom, understanding, guidance and power.
And the Spirit teaches him to know and respect the Lord.

This king will be glad to obey the Lord.
He will not judge by the way things look.

He will not judge by what people say.
He will judge the poor honestly.
He will be fair in his decisions for the poor people of the land.

At his command evil people will be punished.
By his words the wicked will be put to death.

Goodness and fairness will give him strength.
They will be like a belt around his waist.

Then wolves will live in peace with lambs.
And leopards will lie down to rest with goats.

Calves, lions and young bulls will eat together.
And a little child will lead them.

Cows and bears will eat together in peace.
Their young will lie down together.

Lions will eat hay as oxen do.
A baby will be able to play near a cobra's hole.
A child will be able to put his hand into the nest of a poisonous snake.

They will not hurt or destroy each other
on all my holy mountain.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
as the sea is full of water.

At that time the new king from the family of Jesse will stand as a banner for the people.
The nations will come together around him. And the place where he lives will be filled
with glory

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel our Bishop; and Suz, our priest.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor; and for all who serve in our legislatures and courts

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage

and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray 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 those in need	Person requesting prayer	Contact info for person requesting prayer

and for those whom you would name *(silence of about 10 seconds)*.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially for the repose of the souls of Wilma Crayton, Louise Nicholas, Beth Kunkel, Daniel Davis Ashton, Raymond Green, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, and Joyce Fuente *[those named below]*

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Silence
 Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect