

## 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.**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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PSALM 146:4-9

*Lauda, anima mea*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their **help!** \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their **God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is **in them;** \*  
who keeps his promise for **ever;**
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are **oppressed,** \*  
and food to those who **hunger.**
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the **blind;** \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed **down;**
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the **stranger;** \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the **wicked.**
- 9 The LORD shall reign for **ever,** \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
**Hallelujah!**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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***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, 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, Jerome Cribb, Ray Sawyer, 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 Beth Kunkel, Daniel Davis Ashton, Raymond Green, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, Joyce Fuente, and Mike Cribb. *[those named below]*

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*Silence*  
 Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*