

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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



PSALM 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole **earth**.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his **Name**; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to **day**.

- 3 Declare his glory among the **nations** *
and his wonders among all **peoples**.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be **praised**; *
he is more to be feared than all **gods**.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**; *
but it is the LORD who made the **heavens**.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his **presence**! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his **sanctuary**!

- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the **peoples**; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and **power**.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his **Name**; *
bring offerings and come into his **courts**.

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of **holiness**; *
let the whole earth tremble **before him**.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is **King**! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; /
he will judge the peoples with **equity**."

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; /
let the sea thunder and all that is **in it**; *
let the field be joyful and all that is **therein**.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he **comes**, *
when he comes to judge the **earth**.

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- 13 He will judge the world with **righteousness** *

and the peoples with his **truth**.

THE EPISTLE

TITUS 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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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, Gilbert and Harriette, Jimmy Robertson, Jenn, Doug and Linda, Laura, Joel Lindler, Deepak, Lanita, Paul, Lucy, Barb Witmer, Jerome Cribb, Barbara Cobb and family, 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 Roy Hanks [*those named below*]

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Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect