Wednesday Readings
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# The Word of God

## The Collect

O God, who in your providence called Joseph Schereschewsky to the ministry of this church and gave him the gifts and the perseverance to translate the Holy Scriptures: Inspire us, by his example and prayers, to commit our talents to your service, confident that you uphold those whom you call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say on that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God* is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known* in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal* Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Psalm 90:1-12**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
**from one generation to another.**

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
**from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
**"Go back, O child of earth."**

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
**and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
**we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
**and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
**we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; *
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
**who rightly fears your indignation?**

12 So teach us to number our days *
**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

## The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians 4:11-18

For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**Gospel** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.