

READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

January 11th, 8:00 & 10:15

First Reading (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

The Psalm (8:00 ONLY) *Please check that microphone is on*

Let us pray a portion of Psalm 29 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe glory and might,**
Ascribe the glory due his Name, worship in holy light.
- 2 God's voice is on the deep, his thunder rolls on high;**
The Lord is on the water-flood, God's voice a mighty cry.
- 3 God's voice breaks mighty trees, tall cedars of great worth;**
They writhe and leap like mountain sheep, God's voice shakes all the earth.
- 4 God's voice splits flames of fire, God's voice shakes desert sands;**
God's voice makes oak trees shake and strips the leaves from forest stands.
- 5 Within God's temple all cry "Glory!" and adore;**
The Lord sits throned above the flood as King for evermore.
- 6 The Lord will give his strength to all his own, nor cease**
To give his people evermore the blessing of his peace.

The Second Reading (8:00 AND 10:15)

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

The Prayers (8:00 & 10:15) Please check that microphone is on

Deacon: Glorious and wondrous God, and thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and prayers to you in prayer as we say, "May you be manifest in us; may we bear your light to the world."

Raise up in your church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace. *May you be manifest in us, may we bear your light to the world.*

Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the fellowship of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases. **We pray for all elected and appointed officials, especially Donald, our President; Kathy, our Governor; and Malik, our Mayor** that their hearts would be turned towards mercy. *May you be manifest in us, may we bear your light to the world.*

Inspire us to strive for justice and peace among all people throughout this nation and the world. Bring comfort and courage to those who live in fear, especially immigrants, refugees, and the people of Venezuela, Ukraine, Palestine, South Sudan and all places that know war and violence. *May you be manifest in us, may we bear your light to the world.*

Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world that we might be good stewards and develop sustainable practices so that nature's abundance might be available to all future generations. *May you be manifest in us, may we bear your light to the world.*

Inspire this assembly through the inbreaking of the spirit in our lives that our faiths may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel mission renewed. We give thanks for all those who have gone before us, laying the pathway on which we walk today, remembering especially **Robert Clark, Jane Clark, Shirley Tappan, David Tappan, and Elizabeth and William Wandersee, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given.** May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Receive our prayers of gratitude. Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the knowledge of your love to all people. We give thanks for the birth of Mackenzie Reese Nicoletti. We pray also for those on our parish prayer list: **Edward, Eric, Shelia, Cheri, Jean, Luke, Bill, Diane, Lois, Matthew, Donna, Gwen, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Jeff, Tom, Amelia, Ella, and Bill Dewart.** May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Grant to Jane Kitchen, **Len Smith, and** all the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

The Presider offers a concluding collect.