

READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

February 1st 8:00 & 10:15

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

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

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

Let us pray Psalm 15 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?

- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.

- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.

- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.

- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

- 7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

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

Please check microphone.

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

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

Deacon: Glorious and wondrous God, in thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and prayers to you

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 Joseph, our President; Donald, our President-elect, Kathy, our Governor; and Malik, our Mayor. *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 Mary Van Allen Nichols and Thomas Munro Nichols 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 pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Jack, Mara, Eric, Shelia, Cheri, Jean, Luke, Bill, Diane, Lois, Matthew, Donna, Gwen, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Jeff, Tom, Amelia, Ella, and Bill. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Grant to 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.

The Prayers (10:15 ONLY) Please check that microphone is on

Clergy: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver Jude, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.