

READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

March 1st 8:00 & 10:15

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

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Let us pray Psalm 121 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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

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A reading from the letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Kyrie eleison."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Kara our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our president; Kathy, our governor; Malik, our mayor; and our legislature and judiciary; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For all of those on our parish prayer list: Stan, Andrew, Jack, Mara, Eric, Shelia, Cheri, Jean, Luke, Bill, Diane, Lois, Matthew, Donna, Gwen, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Jeff, Tom, Amelia, Ella, and Bill; and for all those who are poor, persecuted, sick, and suffering; and for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in

danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

For **Patricia Harris**, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given, for Robert Stockmaster, for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God, as we pray to you, O Lord. *Kyrie eleison.*

The Presider adds a concluding collect.