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Hallelujah

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First Reading ~ *2 Samuel 11:2-5*

As evening approached, David rose from his couch and scolded about on the flat roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman--a very beautiful woman--bathing. David made inquiries about her and learned that her name was Bathsheba, and that she was the daughter of Eilam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite. Then David sent messengers to fetch her. She came to him, and he slept with her, at a time when she had been declared ritually clean after her monthly period. Then she returned to her house. But she conceived, and sent this message to David: "I'm pregnant".

Second Reading ~ *2 Peter 3:8-9*

This point must not be overlooked, dear friends: in the eyes of the Most High, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. God does not delay in keeping the promise, as some mean "delay". Rather, God shows you generous patience, desiring that no one perish but that all come to repentance.

Second Reading ~ *from "Hallelujah", by Leonard Cohen*

It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall and the major lift
The baffled King composing Hallelujah