

Lector

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalms 66: 1–11

Lector

We will read the Psalm responsively at the half-verse.

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Lesson from the Epistles: 2 Timothy 2: 8–15

Lector:

A reading from the first letter to St. Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David~ that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

 If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
 if we deny him, he will also deny us;
 if we are faithless, he remains faithful~
 for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People

A moment of silence begins this time of prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. We pray for **Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop, Pamela our priest, Skip, our deacon; Nancy, Dianne, Paul, Teri, RuthAnne, Elaine, and Deborah** our vestry members; and all who serve in the church. We lift up those in our diocese who are serving on the **Strategic Vision Team**, that their work may be fruitful. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

A moment of silence....

Lord in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

A moment of silence...

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory.

A moment of silence...

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as
he loves us.

A moment of silence...

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Gia Pacheco, age 13, of the Kumu Ola choir, who suffered a serious neck injury; Irene Z, Pat G., Elaine Oliver, Shannon Walker, Andrea, members of the Stellamos Youth Chorus, the children in the Kumu Ola youth choir, Jenny Cornell, Karina, Ellen Berning, Jim Redman, Alejandro Mejia, Joanne Runyeon, Eva Mejia, Wendy Dickman, Jerry Berning, David Elms, Joan Brumleve,** and those whom we name now, silently or aloud.

A moment of silence...

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially **Jeannie & Peter Ferber, Rev. Vern Jones, The Rev. Beth Phillips, Moshe, Diane Robertson, David**

Malm, Nancy Stevens, and those whom we name now,
silently or aloud.

A moment of silence...

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, you have made all the peoples of the
earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace:
Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the
strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in
accordance with your gracious will.

We pray, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the
multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***