

The Lesson from the Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Lector*

A reading from the book of Isaiah

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

**DO NOT LEAVE THE LECTERN. REMAIN TO READ THE PSALM.**

*We will read Psalm 22 responsively at the half verse.*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
    **"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

2 Now our feet are standing \*  
    **within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
    **that is at unity with itself;**

4 To which the tribes go up,  
    the tribes of the Lord, \*  
    **the assembly of Israel,  
    to praise the Name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
    **the thrones of the house of David.**

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
    **"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
    **and quietness within your towers.**

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

**The Lesson from the Epistles:           Romans 13:11-14**

*Lector:*

A reading from the second letter to the Romans

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.

Dear God, today we walk in the hope which Advent brings for the creation of new visions, expectations, and possibilities for us and our world.

*People*

**We pray with faith in the power of your hope.**

*Intercessor*

We dare to dream of peace in the world; we pray for the welfare and safety of all your people, nations, and religions, living with tolerance, respect, and equality of freedom for all.

*People*

**We pray with faith in the power of your care for all nations.**

*Intercessor*

God, we lift up to you all those who minister through their baptism, and those ordained to serve us: Skip our

Deacon, Pamela our Priest, Austin our, Bishop, and Sean our Presiding Bishop. We give thanks for all of your communities of worship and ask for your guidance.

*People*

**We pray with faith in the power of your call to serve.**

*Intercessor*

In our daily life, we thank you for nourishing our souls, energizing our minds, and feeding our bodies; so that we may listen for your call in our lives and serve others in your name. We thank you for giving us each unique gifts and vocations to use with loving purpose, following the examples of your Son Jesus, and of St. Mary and St. Peter and all the saints.

*People*

**O God, we pray with faith in the power of your presence.**

*Intercessor*

We pray for healing, for those seeking housing, care, support, and employment; for those living with fear, whose liberty is threatened or taken; for those who suffer with illness of mind or body, especially [Claire Wright](#), [Tony and Bridget](#), [Marge Holland](#), [Gia Pacheco](#), [Kathy Runyeon](#), [Ken Spira](#), [Rita Spira](#), [Linda Mickelson](#), [Irene](#)

Z, Pat G., Shannon Walker, members of the Stellamos Youth Chorus, the children in the Kumu Ola youth choir, Jenny Cornell, Karina, Ellen Berning, , Jim Redman, Joanne Runyeon, Eva Mejia, Jerry Berning, David Elms, Joan Brumleve, and those who name now, silently or aloud...

*Intercessor*

May all in need turn to God for help.

*People*

**O God, we pray with faith in your healing power.**

*Intercessor*

We pray for those who have died, those whom we hold in our hearts who have gone before us to your heavenly joy, especially Wendy Dickman, Joe Mickelson, Jeannie & Peter Ferber, Nancy Stevens, and those whom we name now, silently or aloud...

*Intercessor*

May flights of angels see them to their rest.

*People*

**O God, we pray with faith in the power of your kingdom in heaven.**

*Intercessor*

In the diocesan cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Religious Orders in this diocese – The sisters at the Community of St. Francis; the brothers at the Society of St. Francis at San Damiano Friary; and those who belong to the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory

*People*

**O God, we pray with faith in your call to be a community of believers.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you Lord for your constant presence in our lives and hearts. Help us to allow space in our lives for your abundant guidance and blessings. Keep us, not on our agenda, but on yours, as that is the joy we seek.

Open our hearts to this new advent, this new beginning, this new opportunity to hear your will for our lives O, God, to rest in the unconditional love of our Creator. We thank you in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ.

*People*

**Amen.**