

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!



SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED
BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER

✠ Those in special need, especially Yamile; Wally; Christopher; Teri; Kay; Krista; Roland; Nathan & his family; Brayden; John; Ken; Karen; Larry & Leslie; Keira.

✠ We pray for those who have died.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our office is closed through Wednesday January 1.
Tuesday evening Bible study & our Wednesday night service will not be held this week.

FOOD PANTRY

grape jelly, pancake mix & syrup
ravioli, spaghettios,
cookies

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Goldfish, snack size Oreos,
granola bars, fruit snacks

Our altar flowers are given by
Jim & Janet Bennett

In celebration of brother's wedding

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Music by Joel Joa	
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	OFFICE CLOSED THROUGH JANUARY 1	
Tue.	Bible Study will not meet this evening	
Wed.	Evening service will not be held	
Fri.	St. John's Closet/Thrift Shop	9 AM—1 PM
	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
Sat.	St. John's Closet/Thrift Shop	9 AM—1 PM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	9 AM
Sun.	Healing Litany & Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Healing Litany & Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM