

December 3, 2017

A reading from Isaiah

All Services

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 80

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

**L: ¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth**

**C: ²before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

**L: ³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**C: ⁴O Lord GOD of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

**L: ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

**C: ⁶You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.**

**L: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**C: ¹⁷But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

**L: ¹⁸Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

**C: ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**