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## A reading from Isaiah

## All Services

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

**The word of the Lord.**

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READING: Psalm 112

Early Service Only

**“We will read the Psalm responsively.”**

**L: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.**

C: <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**L: <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

C: <sup>4</sup>They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**L: <sup>5</sup>It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.**

C: <sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

**L: <sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**

C: <sup>8</sup>Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**L: <sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

C: <sup>10</sup>The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.