

December 4, 2022

**A reading from Isaiah**

**All Services**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**READING: Psalm 72**

**Early Service Only**

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

**L: <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.**

C: <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

**L: <sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.**

C: <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

**L: <sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

C: <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

**L: <sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

C: <sup>18</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**L: <sup>19</sup>Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

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**Advent candle lighting, week 2**

*Use this blessing when lighting two candles.*

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.

You fasten righteousness around your waist  
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,  
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

We ask that peace abound,  
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

**Amen.**