



# Lectionary

## FIRST READING

### ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

### Refrain

The Lord is grac - ious and full of com - pas - sion.

### PSALM 145:8-15

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

(Ref)

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of

your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

*(Ref)*

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*

and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*

he lifts up those who are bowed down. *(Ref)*

## SECOND READING

### ROMANS 7:15-25A

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

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Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

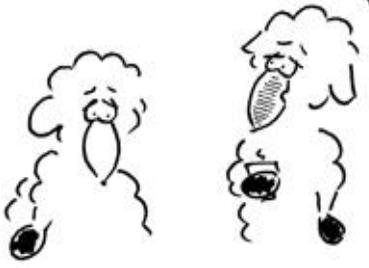
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

HEARING JESUS  
TALK LIKE THIS  
REMINDS ME THAT I'M  
**NOT GOOD** AT  
MANUAL LABOR.

IT'S A  
METAPHOR.

THE TORAH WAS REGARDED AS A  
"YOKE" OR GUIDE FOR LIFE. JESUS IS  
SAYING THAT HE HAS REPLACED THIS  
PATH OF LIFE WITH HIMSELF.

JUST **THINKING**  
ABOUT IT MAKES ME  
BREAK OUT.



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MATTHEW 11:25-30

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## GOSPEL

### MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Prayers of the People

*After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together*

Please respond to each prayer with the phrase: **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially for the church of Okinawa (Japan);  
We Pray... Christ hear us!

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially for St Andrew's (Sedona);  
We pray. . . Christ hear us!

Let us pray for our nation, asking God to inspire us all for better relations between law enforcement and citizenry;  
We pray. . . Christ hear us!

We pray for our Armed Forces, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones;  
We pray. . . Christ hear us!

Let us pray for our world, may God guide world leaders into an easing of tensions in Southeast Asia;  
We pray. . . Christ hear us!

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, asking God for the gentle return of the monsoon season and with it the end of our wild fire season;

Let us pray for those who are poor, sick, mourning or experiencing any kind of suffering. Please say aloud the names of any for whom you wish to pray;  
Pause for people to mention names then say:  
We pray. . . Christ hear us!

Let us pray for our friends and loved ones, who have departed this life, may they enjoy the glory of the heavenly city. Please say the names of any for whom you wish to pray;  
Pause for people to mention names then say:  
We pray. . . Christ hear us!