



## LECTIONARY

## FIRST READING

## ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they  
said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of  
the Lord."

<sup>2</sup> Now our feet are stand-  
ing \*  
within your gates, O Jeru-  
salem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a  
city \*

that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup> To which the tribes go  
up, the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the  
Lord.

<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones  
of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of  
David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of

Jerusalem: \*

“May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

## SECOND READING

### ROMANS 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn:** *“Hark! The Glad Sound”*

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

People: **Glory 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 of these prayers with the  
CAPITALIZED PHRASE

As we prepare for the coming of our Lord, we ask for the grace to be ready upon his arrival. We pray with fellow Christians everywhere that we will welcome Him in our hearts. (*silence*)

Saying together:

COME, LORD JESUS.

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth and to tell of your love. (*silence*)

Saying together:

GOD OF THE PROPHETS, HEAR US!

We pray with all the people of our nation for God's guidance and wisdom. (*silence*) We pray to the Lord:

COME, LORD JESUS!

We pray with the leaders of the world for peace and goodwill for all. (*silence*) We pray to the Lord:

COME LORD JESUS!

Let us pray for all those who are alone in our local community, as we wait for the coming of our Lord. (*silence*)

Saying together:

HEAR OUR PRAYER!

Healing God, we remember those who are sick, poor, needy or suffering. Please say aloud, or in your hearts, the names of those for whom you wish to pray.... (*please wait for the names*)

Saying together:

GOD OF MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

Compassionate God, we remember those who have departed this life, may those we name, either aloud or silently, enjoy the glory of your heavenly city. Please mention those for whom you wish to pray (*please wait for the names*) Saying together:

GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER!