

First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 27, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10–62:3, Holy Bible, pages 1158-1159

- Isa 61:10 I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- Isa 61:11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.
- Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.
- Isa 62:2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.
- Isa 62:3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD'S hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111, Holy Bible, page 952

Ps 111:1 Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Ps 111:2 **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Ps 111:3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Ps 111:4 **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

Ps 111:5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Ps 111:6 **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

Ps 111:7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

Ps 111:8 **They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.**

Ps 111:9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

Ps 111:10 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 Holy Bible, page 1813

- Gal 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,
Gal 4:5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
Gal 4:6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.”
Gal 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

People: (Please Stand)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Second chapter

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40, Holy Bible, pages 1591-1592

- Lk 2:22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord
Lk 2:23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”),
Lk 2:24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

- Lk 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
- Lk 2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- Lk 2:27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,
- Lk 2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:
- Lk 2:29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.
- Lk 2:30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
- Lk 2:31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
- Lk 2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
- Lk 2:33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.
- Lk 2:34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,
- Lk 2:35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."
- Lk 2:36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,
- Lk 2:37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.
- Lk 2:38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.
- Lk 2:39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.
- Lk 2:40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated: