

**Lay Assistant**– January 15, 2023

## **READINGS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Lector: The First Lesson is from Isaiah Chapter Forty Nine verses One through Seven.

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>[2]</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>[3]</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>[4]</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." <sup>[5]</sup> And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>[6]</sup> he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>[7]</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Lector: Please read the Gradual responsively.

Lector: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol Him, all peoples!**

Lector: For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**Lector:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## **SECOND READING**

Lector: The Epistle Lesson is from *First Corinthians* Chapter One verses One through Nine .....

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>[2]</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>[3]</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>[4]</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>[5]</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>[6]</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>[7]</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>[8]</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>[9]</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: Please rise for the saying of the Alleluia verse.

