

READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 (*Common English Bible*)

- ¹All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!
- ²Why spend money for what isn't food,
and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.
- ³Listen and come to me;
listen, and you will live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.
- ⁴Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a prince and commander of peoples.
- ⁵Look, you will call a nation you don't know,
a nation you don't know will run to you
because of the LORD your God,
the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.
- ⁶Seek the LORD when he can still be found;
call him while he is yet near.
- ⁷Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the sinful their schemes.
Let them return to the LORD so that he may have mercy on them,
to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness.
- ⁸My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- ⁹Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

The psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse. Assembly sings verses in bold print.

- ¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there | is no water.
- ²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**
that I might behold your power | and your glory.
- ³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.
- ⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name.
- ⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

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⁶when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.