

First Reading: **Revelation 14:6-7**

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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## Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth  
gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the  
heart of the sea,  
3 though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
*Selah*

4 There is a river whose streams make glad  
the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be  
moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.  
6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
7 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.  
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the  
earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.  
10 “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”  
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

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Second Reading: **Romans 3:19–28**

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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