First Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

from the Common English Bible

¹The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: ²"Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." ³And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.) ⁴Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant. ¹⁰God saw what they were doing - that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

62:5-12

from the Common English Bible

⁵Oh, I must find rest in God only...

because my hope comes from him! ⁶Only God is my rock and my salvation - my stronghold! - I will not be shaken.

⁷My deliverance and glory depend on God. God is my strong rock. My refuge is in God.

⁸All you people: Trust in him at all times! Pour out your hearts before him! God is our refuge! *Selah*

⁹Human beings are nothing but a breath. Human beings are nothing but lies. They don't even register on a scale; taken all together they are lighter than a breath!

¹⁰Don't trust in violence; don't set false hopes in robbery. When wealth bears fruit, don't set your heart on it.

¹¹God has spoken one thing - make it two things - that I myself have heard: that strength belongs to God...

¹²and faithful love comes from you, my Lord - and that you will repay everyone according to their deeds.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

from the Common English Bible

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, ¹⁵saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!" ¹⁶As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ¹⁸Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. ²⁰At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.