

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

from the Common English Bible

¹In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. ²Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. ³They shouted to each other, saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!" ⁴The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!" ⁶Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed." ⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?" I said, "I'm here; send me."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

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from the Common English Bible

¹You, divine beings! Give to the Lord - give to the Lord glory and power!

²Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!

³The Lord's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.

⁴The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic.

⁵The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees...

yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.

⁷The Lord's voice unleashes fiery flames...

⁸the Lord's voice shakes the wilderness...

yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare...

but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned - king forever!

¹¹Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

from the Common English Bible

Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.” ⁴Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?” ⁵Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ ⁸God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said, “How are these things possible?” ¹⁰“Jesus answered, “You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? ¹¹I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don’t receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. ¹⁶God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷God didn’t send his