

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost with  
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**ASCENSION**

**First Reading** ISAIAH 65:17-25

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

**Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**Isaiah 12 as Canticle**

REFRAIN You shall draw water with rejoicing.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. R

And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. R

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. R

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**Deuxième Lecture 2 THESSALONICIENS 3:6-13**

**LECTURE DE LA DEUXIÈME LETTRE DE PAUL AUX THESSALONICIENS**

Nous vous recommandons, frères, au nom de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ, de vous éloigner de tout frère qui vit dans le désordre, et non selon les instructions que vous avez reçues de nous. Vous savez vous-mêmes comment il faut nous imiter, car nous n'avons pas vécu parmi vous dans le désordre. Nous n'avons mangé gratuitement le pain de personne; mais, dans le travail et dans la peine, nous avons été nuit et jour à l'oeuvre, pour n'être à charge à aucun de vous. Ce n'est pas que nous n'en eussions le droit, mais nous avons voulu vous donner en nous-mêmes un modèle à imiter. Car, lorsque nous étions chez vous, nous vous disions expressément: Si quelqu'un ne veut pas travailler, qu'il ne mange pas non plus. Nous apprenons, cependant, qu'il y en a parmi vous quelques-uns qui vivent dans le désordre, qui ne travaillent pas, mais qui s'occupent de futilités. Nous invitons ces gens-là, et nous les exhortons par le Seigneur Jésus Christ, à manger leur propre pain, en travaillant paisiblement. Pour vous, frères, ne vous laissez pas de faire le bien.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse

**Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.**

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**Gospel LUKE 21:5-19**

**God be with you.**

All: And also with you.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.**

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

**The Gospel of Christ!**

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!