

August 27, 2017

A reading from Isaiah

All Services

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 138

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

**L: ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;**

C: ²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

**L: ³On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

C: ⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**L: ⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

C: ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**L: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.**

C: ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.