

December 16, 2018

**A reading from Zephaniah**

**All Services**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**READING: Isaiah 12:2-6**

**Early Service Only**

**A reading from Isaiah**

**Read Responsively**

**L: <sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.**

**C: <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

**L: <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**C: <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

**L: <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**The word of the Lord.**