

Psalm and Readings Thursday 19th March 2026

Psalm 147:1-12

- 1 Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.
- 9 He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.
- 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
- 11 But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 13:54-end

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

The Collect of the Day

God our Father,
who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.