

## Psalm and Readings Tuesday 3rd August 2021

### Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God.  
His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great King.  
Within its citadels God  
has shown himself a sure defence.

Then the kings assembled,  
they came on together.  
As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;  
they were in panic, they took to flight;  
trembling took hold of them there,  
pains as of a woman in labour,  
as when an east wind shatters  
the ships of Tarshish.  
As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God,  
which God establishes for ever.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.  
Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with victory.  
Let Mount Zion be glad,  
let the towns of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgements.

Walk about Zion, go all around it,  
count its towers,  
consider well its ramparts;  
go through its citadels,  
that you may tell the next generation  
that this is God,  
our God for ever and ever.  
He will be our guide for ever.

### Ezekial 37:15-end

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it'; and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the

nations shall know that I the Lord sanctify Israel,  
when my sanctuary is among them for evermore.

**Mark 1: 14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.