



ST. FRANCIS  
IN THE FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**NOTE: The 8:00 service will have just one reading and the psalm read each week.** The Psalm is read responsively with the congregation with the Reader beginning with the first verse. PLEASE READ THE LESSONS FROM THE LECTERN.

**THE LESSON**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**8AM**

Titus 2:11-14

*Reader says:* **A reading from Paul's letter to Titus**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader:* **The Word of the Lord.**

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Pause then read the Psalm**

*Reader says:* **Psalm 97 will be read responsively by whole verse.**

**Reader**     **The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

People        Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

**Reader**     **A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.**

People        His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

**Reader**     **The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

People        The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**Reader**     **Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.**

People        Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

**Reader**     **For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

People        The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**Reader**     **Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

People        Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.