



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, the Reader beginning with the first verse. PLEASE READ THE LESSONS FROM THE LECTERN.**

**THE LESSON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**8:00 AM**

Isaiah 40:21-31

*Reader says:* **A reading from the book of prophet Isaiah**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Pause, then read the Psalm.**

*Reader says: Psalm 147, verses 1 through 12 and 21, will be read responsively by whole verse.*

**Reader Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

People The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

**Reader He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

People He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

**Reader Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.**

People The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

**Reader Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.**

People He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;

**Reader He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.**

People He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.

**Reader He is not impressed by the might of a horse; he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

People But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.

**Reader Hallelujah!**