



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST READING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 AM AND 12:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: Lectors – Please make sure you have the correct week's reading. Please check the date above. Readings for the each week are posted on the website on Tuesdays, but please check the above date to be sure.

**** Turn lectern microphone ON before reading ****

Isaiah 58:1-12

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

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Pause, then read the Psalm.

Reader says: **Psalm 103, verses 8 through 14, will be read responsively by whole verse.**

Reader The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

People He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

Reader He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

People For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

Reader As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

People As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Reader For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.