



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST READING

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AND 11:15AM

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 65:17-25

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

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.