



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, APRIL 20

7:30 AM

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.

Pause, then read the Psalm.

Reader says: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 will be read responsively by whole verse.

Reader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

People: Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures for ever.”

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

People: There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

Reader: “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

People: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Reader: The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

People: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

Reader: “This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.”

People: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

Reader: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Reader: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

