



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, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Pause, then read the Psalm.

Reader says: Psalm 72, verses 1 through 7 and 18 through 19, will be read responsively by whole verse.

Reader Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;

People That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

Reader That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

People He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Reader He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

People He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

Reader In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

People Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

Reader And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.