



ST. FRANCIS  
IN THE FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**SECOND READING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**9:00 AND 11:15 AM**

*PLEASE NOTE: Lector – 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. Please begin walking to the lectern as the Psalm is finishing and be ready to read as soon as the Psalm is finished.*

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Romans 15:4-13

*Reader says: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*People:*     Thanks be to God.

*Turn Lectern Microphone **OFF** when you are finished.*