



ST. FRANCIS  
IN THE FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**FIRST READING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**10:00 AM**

*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 61:10-62:3

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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.