



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 28**

**8:00 AM**

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.

**Pause, then read the Psalm.**

*Reader says:* **Psalm 147, verses 13 through 21, will be read responsively by whole verse.**

**Reader**     **Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;**

People        For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

**Reader**     **He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

People        He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.

**Reader**     **He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

People        He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?

**Reader**     **He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

People        He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

**Reader**     **He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**