

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 2

Beginning at verse 1

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me:
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing:
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:
 where the pilgrims gather in unity.
- 4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
 as he commanded Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There are set thrones of judgement:
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 may those who love you prosper.
- 7 Peace be within your walls:
 and prosperity in your palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:
 I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
 I will seek for your good.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans Chapter

⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us

then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24. 36-44

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,^a but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.