

## Readings

Sunday 9th December 2018

### Daily Readings

<u>Monday 10th Dec</u> Isaiah 45:14-end	Psalm 44 1 Thessalonians 1
<u>Tuesday 11th Dec</u> Isaiah 46	Psalm 56 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
<u>Wednesday 12th Dec</u> Isaiah 47	Psalm 62 1 Thessalonians 2:13-end
<u>Thursday 13th Dec</u> Isaiah 48:1-11	Psalm 54 1 Thessalonians 3
<u>Friday 14th Dec</u> Isaiah 48:12-end	Psalm 86 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
<u>Saturday 15th Dec</u> Isaiah 49:1-13	Psalm 145 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end
<u>Sunday 16th Dec</u> Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalms 12, 14 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

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### Collect – The Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## First reading Malachi 3:1-4

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup>and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

## Second Reading Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar - when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene - <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup>And all people will see God’s salvation.’