

Scriptures: November 16, 2025

First Reading Psalm 98

The victory of our God

One: Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Many: With their right hand and holy arm have they won the victory.

God has made known their victory; their righteousness they have openly shown in the sight of the nations.

One: God remembers their mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Many: Shout with joy to God all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

One: Sing to God with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

Many: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the Ruler, God.

One: Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands,

~silence is kept~

Second Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 NRSV *A new heaven and earth*

The Glorious New Creation

*¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;*

*the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.*

*¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;*

*for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.*

*¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.*

*²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;*

*for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.*

²¹ *They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.*

²² *They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;*

*for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

²³ *They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;^[a]*

*for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.*

²⁴ *Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.*

²⁵ *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!*

*They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.*

Third Reading Luke 21:1-4 NRSV

Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple

The Widow's Offering

21 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ² he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴ for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'