

Readings for 16th August 2020 – Mary, Mother of our Lord

A reading from Isaiah chapter 61 beginning at verse 10. [61.10-62.3]

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

62.1 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.

² 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.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary (*Magnificat* p 31 APBA Luke 1:47- 55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.**

The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their throne:
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians chapter 4 beginning at verse 4. [4.4-7]

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.

⁶And because you are children,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'

⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 2 beginning at chapter 1. [2.1-7]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus
that all the world should be registered.

²This was the first registration
and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³All went to their own towns to be registered.

⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,
to the city of David called Bethlehem,
because he was descended from the house and family of David.

⁵He went to be registered with Mary,
to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son
and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.