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## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

A reading from the 55<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:1-11*

A reading from the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do:

by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh

and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,

who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh

set their minds on the things of the flesh,

but those who live according to the Spirit

set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

To set the mind on the flesh is death,

but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;

it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot,

and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh;

you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin,

but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead

will give life to your mortal bodies also

through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**