

FIRST READING
Isaiah 66:10–14c

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

If you love Jerusalem,
be glad and celebrate.
If you were in sorrow because of the city,
you can now rejoice.
She will nurse and comfort you, just like your own mother,
until you are satisfied.
And you will fully enjoy her wonderful glory.

The LORD has promised,
“I will flood Jerusalem with the wealth of nations
and make the city prosper.
Jerusalem will nurse you at her breast,
carry you in her arms,
and hold you in her lap.
I will comfort you there
like a mother comforting her child.

“When you see this happen,
you will celebrate.
And your strength will return faster than grass can sprout.
Then everyone will know the LORD is with you.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 66:1–3ab, 6–7a,
16 and 20*

All: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

*Tell everyone on this earth
to shout praises to God!
Sing about his glorious name.
Honor him with praises.
Say to God, "Everything you do
is fearsome!"*

All: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

*When God made the sea dry up,
our people walked across,
and because of him,
we celebrated there.
His mighty power rules forever.*

All: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

*All who worship God,
come here and listen;
I will tell you everything
God has done for me.
Let's praise God!
He listened when I prayed,
and he is always kind.*

All: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

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GOSPEL
Luke 10:1–9

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

The Lord chose seventy-two other followers
and sent them out two by two to every town and village
where he was about to go.

He said to them:

“A large crop is in the fields,
but there are only a few workers.

Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest
to send out workers to bring it in.

Now go,

but remember, I am sending you like lambs into a pack of wolves.
Don't take along a moneybag or a traveling bag or sandals.
And don't waste time greeting people on the road.

“As soon as you enter a home, say,
'God bless this home with peace.'
If the people living there are peace-loving,
your prayer for peace will bless them.
But if they are not peace-loving,
your prayer will return to you.

“Stay with the same family,
eating and drinking whatever they give you,
because workers are worth what they earn.
Don't move around from house to house.

“If the people of a town welcome you,
eat whatever they offer you.
Heal their sick and say,
'God's kingdom will soon be here!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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