

1st reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples  
a feast of rich foods.

On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples.

The web that is woven over all nations,  
He will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces.

The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked,  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

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

Psalm response

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

Beside restful waters he leads me,

He refreshes my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths

for His name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil, for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff you give me courage!

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes.

You anoint my head with oil,

my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

2nd reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of His will.

The Word of the Lord!

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