

Daily Reading for December 26th

Reading 1, *Isaiah 52:7-10*

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of the messenger announcing peace, of the messenger of good news, who proclaims salvation and says to Zion, 'Your God is king!' ⁸ The voices of your watchmen! Now they raise their voices, shouting for joy together, for with their own eyes they have seen Yahweh returning to Zion. ⁹ Break into shouts together, shouts of joy, you ruins of Jerusalem; for Yahweh has consoled his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ Yahweh has bared his holy arm for all the nations to see, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21*

³ You are my rock, my rampart; true to your name, lead me and guide me! ⁴ Draw me out of the net they have spread for me, for you are my refuge;

⁶ you hate those who serve useless idols; but my trust is in Yahweh:

⁷ I will delight and rejoice in your faithful love! You, who have seen my misery, and witnessed the miseries of my soul,

⁸ have not handed me over to the enemy, but have given me freedom to roam at large.

¹⁷ I call on you, Yahweh, so let disgrace fall not on me, but on the wicked. Let them go down to Sheol in silence,

²¹ Blessed be Yahweh who works for me miracles of his faithful love (in a fortified city)!

Gospel, *Matthew 10:17-22*

¹⁷ 'Be prepared for people to hand you over to sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues.

¹⁸ You will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as evidence to them and to the gentiles. ¹⁹ But when you are handed over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes, ²⁰ because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you. ²¹ 'Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will come forward against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be universally hated on account of my name; but anyone who stands firm to the end will be saved.