

A reading from Isaiah chapter 61 verse 10 through chapter 62 verse 3. You can find the reading on page 621 in your pew Bible.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 147.

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

Leader: He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

**People: He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

Leader: He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

**People: He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?**

Leader: He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

**People: He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.**

Leader: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.

People: Praise the LORD!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.