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Old Testament Readings

The first reading must be selected from the Old Testament. If you have chosen a reader, the presider will invite that person to come forward.

The reading will be at the ambo, they do not need to bring a copy.

They approach the ambo, adjust the microphone as needed, proclaiming where the scripture is from, and at the conclusion, say “The Word of the Lord.” The assembly will respond “Thanks be to God.” The reader will leave the ambo and proceed back to their pew.

Double click each link below to go to the reading.

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)

[Isaiah 25: 6, 7-9](#)

[Isaiah 40: 28-31](#)

[Isaiah 43: 1-7](#)

[Isaiah 53: 2-3, 11-12](#)

[Job: 19: 11-12](#)

[Lamentations: 3: 17-26](#)

[Maccabees 2: 12: 43-46](#)

[Proverbs: 31: 10, 25-31](#)

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[Sirach: 6: 14-17](#)

[Sirach: 44: 1,10-15](#)

[Wisdom 3: 1-3](#)

[Wisdom 3: 1-9](#)

[Wisdom 4: 7,8,10](#)

Reader:

A Reading from the book of the prophet Daniel.

“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people;
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nation began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.
Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
Some to everlasting life, others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.
But those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,
And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything.

And there is a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to give birth and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.

A time to search and a time to give up as lost;

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate;

A time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples.

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:

“Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us!

This is the Lord to whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Everlasting God, the Lord,

the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired.

His understanding is unsearchable.

He gives strength to the weary,

and to the one who lacks might He increases power.

Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly,

yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength;

they will mount up with wings like eagles,

they will run and not get tired,

they will walk and not become weary.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

But now, this is what the Lord says,

He who is your Creator, Jacob, and He who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are Mine!

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they will not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,

nor will the flame burn you.

For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I have given Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Since you are precious in My sight, since you are honored and I love you,

I will give other people in your place and other nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and gather you from the west.

I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold *them* back.’

Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth,

Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory,

Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For he grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground;
he has no stately form or majesty that we would look at him,
nor an appearance that we would take pleasure in him.

He was despised and abandoned by men,
a man of great pain and familiar with sickness;
and like one from whom people hide their faces,
he was despised, and we had no regard for him.

As a result of the anguish of his soul, he will see the light and be satisfied;
by his knowledge the Righteous One, my servant, will justify the many,
for he will bear their wrongdoings.

Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he will divide the plunder with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death, and was counted with wrongdoers;
yet he himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the wrongdoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of the prophet Job.

“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were recorded in a book!

That with an iron chisel and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last, he will take his stand on the earth.

Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I will see God,

whom I, on my part, shall behold for myself,

and whom my eyes will see, and not another.

My heart faints within me!

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Lamentations.

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me.

But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.

My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

Judas the ruler of Israel then took up a collection among all his soldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,

which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,

inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind;

for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,

it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward

that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

A worthy wife is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her;

“Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.
She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come.
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Reader:

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

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Her husband entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.

She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She looks for wool and flax, and makes cloth with skillful hands.

Like merchant ships; she secures her provisions from afar.

She rises while it is still night and distributes food to her household.

She picks out a field to purchase: out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She surrounds her waist with strength and makes her arms strong.

She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed.

She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hands grasp the spindle.

She reaches out her hand to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

She fears not the snow for her household, for all her charges are doubly clothed.

She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing

Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts.

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She watches over the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband too, extols her:

“Many are the women of proven worth, but you excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Sirach.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;

he who finds one finds a treasure.

A faithful friend is beyond price,

no sum can balance his worth.

A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy,

such as he who fears God finds;

For he who fears God behaves accordingly,

and a friend will be like one's self.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Sirach.

Now will I praise those godly people, our ancestors, each in his own time.

These were godly people whose virtues have not been forgotten;

Their wealth remains in their families,

their heritage with their descendants;

Through God's covenant with them

their family endures, their posterity, for their sake.

And for all time their progeny will endure,

their glory will never be blotted out;

Their bodies are peacefully laid away,

but their name lives on and on.

At gatherings their wisdom is retold,

and the assembly proclaims their praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

The Word of the Lord.

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For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;

They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

Though they die early the just shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Those who pleased God, are loved by Him.

The Word of the Lord.