

A reading from Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says YAHWEH,
when I will bestow on Israel and Judah
all the blessings I promised them.
In those days and at that time
I will raise up a righteous branch from the line of David,
who will bring justice and integrity to the land.
In those days Judah will be safe and Jerusalem will be secure.
They will call the land:
“YAHWEH is our righteousness.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (you can either be seated or just step back)

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

How can we thank God enough for you
in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?
Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face
and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our Abba God and our Savior Jesus direct our way to you.
And may God make you increase and abound in love for one another
and for all, just as we abound in love for you.
And may God so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before our Abba God
at the coming of our Savior Jesus with all the saints.

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter:
Glory to you, O God.

Jesus said:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see ‘the Son –of-Man coming in a cloud’
with power and great glory.
Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then Jesus told them a parable:

“Look at the fig tree and all the trees;
as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves
and know that summer is already near.
So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that the dominion of God is near.
Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation
and drunkenness and the worries of this life,
and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.
For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.
Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength
to escape all these things that will take place,
and to stand before the Son- of-Man.”

This is the Good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.