

First Reading

Isaiah 52 v 7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces
peace,
who brings good news, who announces
salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they
see the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of
Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his
people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the
eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the
earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord

Second Reading

Hebrews 1 v 1-4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many
and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these
last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom
he appointed heir of all things, through whom he
also created the worlds.
³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact
imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all
things by his powerful word.
When he had made purification for sins, he sat
down at the right hand of the Majesty on
high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent
than theirs.

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Gospel

John 1 v 1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was
in the beginning with God. ³All things came into
being through him, and without him not one thing
came into being. What has come into being ⁴in
him was life, and the life was the light of all
people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name
was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the
light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He
himself was not the light, but he came to testify to
the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens
everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into
being through him; yet the world did not know
him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his
own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who
received him, who believed in his name, he gave
power to become children of God, ¹³who were
born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of
the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among
us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a
father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John
testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of
whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks
ahead of me because he was before
me."') ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given
through Moses; grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is
God the only Son, who is close to the Father's
heart, who has made him known.