

# Readings for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

*(from New International Version bible)*

**PLEASE NOTE:** All readers are encouraged to read off right hand screen ie the one in front of the Lectern.

## A reading from Isaiah 61:10-62:3

<sup>10</sup> I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. <sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Cong: *Thanks be to God*

## A reading from Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Cong: *Thanks be to God*

# A reading from the Gospel of Luke 19:11-27

(Please invite the congregation to stand to hear the Gospel reading)

<sup>11</sup> While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. <sup>12</sup> He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. <sup>13</sup> So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' <sup>14</sup> "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' <sup>15</sup> "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. <sup>16</sup> "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' <sup>17</sup> "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' <sup>18</sup> "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' <sup>19</sup> "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' <sup>20</sup> "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. <sup>21</sup> I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' <sup>22</sup> "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup> Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' <sup>24</sup> "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' <sup>25</sup> "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' <sup>26</sup> "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>27</sup> But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Cong: *Praise be to you O Christ*