

Isaiah 52:7-10

Heralds announce God's salvation

52:7How 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."

52:8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

52:9Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

52:10The 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.

Psalm 98

The victory of our God

98:1O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

98:2The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

98:3He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

98:4Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

98:5Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

98:6With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

98:7Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

98:8Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

98:9at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

1:1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

1:2 but 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.

1:3 He 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,

1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

1:7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds and his servants flames of fire."

1:8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

1:10 And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

1:11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

1:12 like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

John 1:1-14

The Word became flesh

1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:2He was in the beginning with God.

1:3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

1:4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

1:5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

1:6There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

1:7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

1:8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

1:9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

1:10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.

1:11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

1:12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

1:13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

1:14And 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.