

## Today's Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

### Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

### Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favour of true unity in Christ.

### Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' works are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

*Please join us next Sunday for  
Time after Pentecost  
With the readings from  
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62*



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