

## **A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (6:1-8)**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

## **Psalm 129**

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," \*

let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*

but they have not prevailed against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back \*

and made their furrows long.

4 The Lord, the Righteous One, \*

has cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*

all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*

which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*

nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as,

"The Lord prosper you. \*

We wish you well in the Name of the Lord."

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