

GOSPEL

Jn. 12:35-47

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

“Lord, who has believed our message,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

First missionaries to the Torres Strait

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Sentence

Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’
John 8:12

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you have given to the people of the Islands of the Torres Strait
the glorious light of the gospel of Christ:
mercifully grant that we may always walk in the light of his love,
and give us the strength and unifying power
of your Holy Spirit to spread that light
and enlarge your kingdom in the hearts of all people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isa. 58:8-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent
and set me high up on a rock.
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.

- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.
- 11 Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
- 12 For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me,
O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
- 15 Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me
and those who breathe out violence.
- 16 But I believe that I shall surely see
the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.
- 17 O wait for the Lord
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Second Reading

2 Cor 4:5-6

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the one who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia.