

Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R.** (3) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**God indeed is my savior;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.**

**R.** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.**

**R.** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.**

**Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel!**

**R.** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**SIXTH READING**

*Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.*

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch**

3:9–15, 32—4:4

**H**ear, O Israel, the commandments of life:  
listen, and know prudence!

How is it, Israel,  
that you are in the land of your foes,  
grown old in a foreign land,  
defiled with the dead,  
accounted with those destined for the netherworld?  
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom!  
Had you walked in the way of God,  
you would have dwelt in enduring peace.

Learn where prudence is,  
where strength, where understanding;  
that you may know also  
where are length of days, and life,  
where light of the eyes, and peace.  
Who has found the place of wisdom,  
who has entered into her treasuries?

The One who knows all things knows her;  
he has probed her by his knowledge—  
the One who established the earth for all time,  
and filled it with four-footed beasts;  
he who dismisses the light, and it departs,  
calls it, and it obeys him trembling;  
before whom the stars at their posts  
shine and rejoice;  
when he calls them, they answer, “Here we are!”  
shining with joy for their Maker.  
Such is our God;  
no other is to be compared to him:  
he has traced out the whole way of understanding,  
and has given her to Jacob, his servant,  
to Israel, his beloved son.

Since then she has appeared on earth,  
and moved among people.

She is the book of the precepts of God,  
the law that endures forever;  
all who cling to her will live,  
but those will die who forsake her.

Turn, O Jacob, and receive her:  
walk by her light toward splendor.

Give not your glory to another,  
your privileges to an alien race.

Blessed are we, O Israel;  
for what pleases God is known to us!

The word of the Lord.