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February 8, 2026**

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# Today's Readings

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## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] [not printed]

## Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; tone 1



Hallelujah!

Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight  
in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants  
will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright  
<sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches  
will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness  
will <sup>1</sup> last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness  
<sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful  
and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them  
to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs  
with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept  
in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid  
of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast,  
trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established  
and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire  
up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and  
their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head  
with honor.

[<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth  
and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed  
will perish.]**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in

much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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Second Reading, continued

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup>and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those  
who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly

God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?"  
But we have the mind of Christ.]

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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