

A reading from the book of Psalm 119:137-144, Luke 19:1-10

Psalm 119:137-144

¹³⁷ You are righteous, O LORD,
and your judgements are right.
¹³⁸ You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.
¹³⁹ My zeal consumes me
because my foes forget your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹ I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.
¹⁴⁴ Your decrees are righteous for ever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble

and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

"The Word of God for the people of God, thanks be to God."
OR *"Here ends the reading."*