Reading – Psalm 72

Reader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

who alone does wondrous things!

Blessed be God's glorious name forever,

and may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth.

Response: "Alleluia"

Reader: And in all the earth,

the one who comes will judge with righteousness,

extend justice to the poor,

and bring deliverance to the needy.

Response: "Alleluia"

Reader: And in all the earth,

the one who comes will be like the rain

that falls on the mown grass

and like the showers that water the earth.

Response: "Alleluia"

Reader: Righteousness will flourish and peace will abound.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! May God's glory fill the whole earth!

Amen and Amen.

(Note: A solo reader will read the text. The congregation or singing group may respond with a sung "Alleluia.")

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