

Priest: Fr. Donatus  
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**FIRST READING**      Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

The LORD said to Cyrus, his chosen one, "I have taken hold of your right hand to help you conquer nations and remove kings from power. City gates will open for you. Not one will stay closed.

"Cyrus, you don't even know me! But I have called you by name and highly honored you, because of Jacob, my servant, and Israel, my chosen one. Only I am the LORD!

"There is no other God. I have made you strong though you don't know me. Now everyone from east to west will know that I am the LORD. No other gods are real."

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm: 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 9-10 abef (7b)

*R. Give the Lord glory and honor.*

*Sing a new song to the LORD!  
Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the LORD. Tell every nation on earth, "The LORD is wonderful and does marvelous things!"*

*R. Give the Lord glory and honor.*

*"The LORD is great and deserves our greatest praise! He is the only God worthy of our worship. Other nations worship idols, but the LORD created the heavens."*

*R. Give the Lord glory and honor.*

*"Everyone on earth, now tremble and worship the LORD, majestic and holy." Announce to the nations, "The LORD is King! God will judge the people with fairness."*

*R. Give the Lord glory and honor.*

**SECOND READING**      1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

From Paul, Silas, and Timothy. To the church in Thessalonica, the people of God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that God will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! We thank God for you and always mention you in our prayers. Each time we pray, we tell God our Father about your faith and loving work and about your firm hope our Lord Jesus Christ.

My dear friends, God loves you, and we know he has chosen you to be his people. When we told you the good news, it was with the power and reassurance that come from the Holy Spirit, and not simply with words.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia**      Ephesians 1:17,18

*R. Alleluia, alleluia*

*Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia*

**Gospel continued on the following page**

**Prayer Request**  
We are here to **Pray** for you



*The community of JERICHO cares for one another. It is our desire to pray for you and your loved ones in a time of need. To add a name in our prayer list, please contact Sr. Joan via e-mail at [srjoan@jerichobeca.org](mailto:srjoan@jerichobeca.org) or call our office at 413-538-7450.*

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**GOSPEL** Matthew 22:15-21

**† A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong. They sent some of their followers and some of Herod's followers to say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest. You teach the truth about what God wants people to do. And you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are. Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?" Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said, "Why are you trying to test me? You showoffs! Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes." They brought him a silver coin, and he asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?" "The Emperor's," they answered.

Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God."

**The gospel of the Lord.**



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**Journey with the Pope**

"Conversion is a grace we must always ask for: "Lord, give me the grace to improve. Give me the grace to be a good Christian." May Mary Most Holy help us to be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit. He is the One who melts the hardness of hearts and disposes them to repentance, so we may obtain the life and salvation promised by Jesus."

- Pope Francis

