

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL (2: 1-5)

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*The Word of the Lord.*

PSALM 122 (said together)

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

<sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

<sup>4</sup> Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

<sup>5</sup> For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

<sup>6</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."