

Old Testament Reading:
Zechariah 9:9–12

- ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of
Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is
he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the
nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of
the earth.
¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood
of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from
the waterless pit.
¹² Return to your stronghold, O pris-
oners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore
to you double.

Epistle: Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual,
but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.
¹⁵I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do
the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do
what I do not want, I agree with the
law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no
longer I who do it, but sin that dwells
within me. ¹⁸For I know that noth-
ing good dwells in me, that is, in my

flesh. For I have the desire to do what
is right, but not the ability to carry it
out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good
I want, but the evil I do not want is
what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do
what I do not want, it is no longer
I who do it, but sin that dwells within
me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I
want to do right, evil lies close at hand.
²²For I delight in the law of God, in my
inner being, ²³but I see in my members
another law waging war against the
law of my mind and making me cap-
tive to the law of sin that dwells in my
members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am!
Who will deliver me from this body of
death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank
you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
that you have hidden these things
from the wise and understanding and
revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes,
Father, for such was your gracious will.
²⁷All things have been handed over to
me by my Father, and no one knows
the Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who
labor and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and
my burden is light.”

My burden is light

Matthew 11:30



About the Cover: The promises of rest in this life all too often end up
the same way: a crushing burden on our backs under a cruel master.
However, our Lord offers us true and lasting rest. His burden is light.
His lordship over our lives is one that only brings life. He took our
burden of sin as He hung upon the cross and so gives us forgiveness
and life.