

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- <sup>4</sup> "Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.
- <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

## Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom  
and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are  
his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

- <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?"
- <sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?"

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him  
are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>12:1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by  
the mercies of God, to present your bodies as  
a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be  
conformed to this world, but be transformed  
by the renewal of your mind, that by testing  
you may discern what is the will of God, what  
is good and acceptable and perfect.

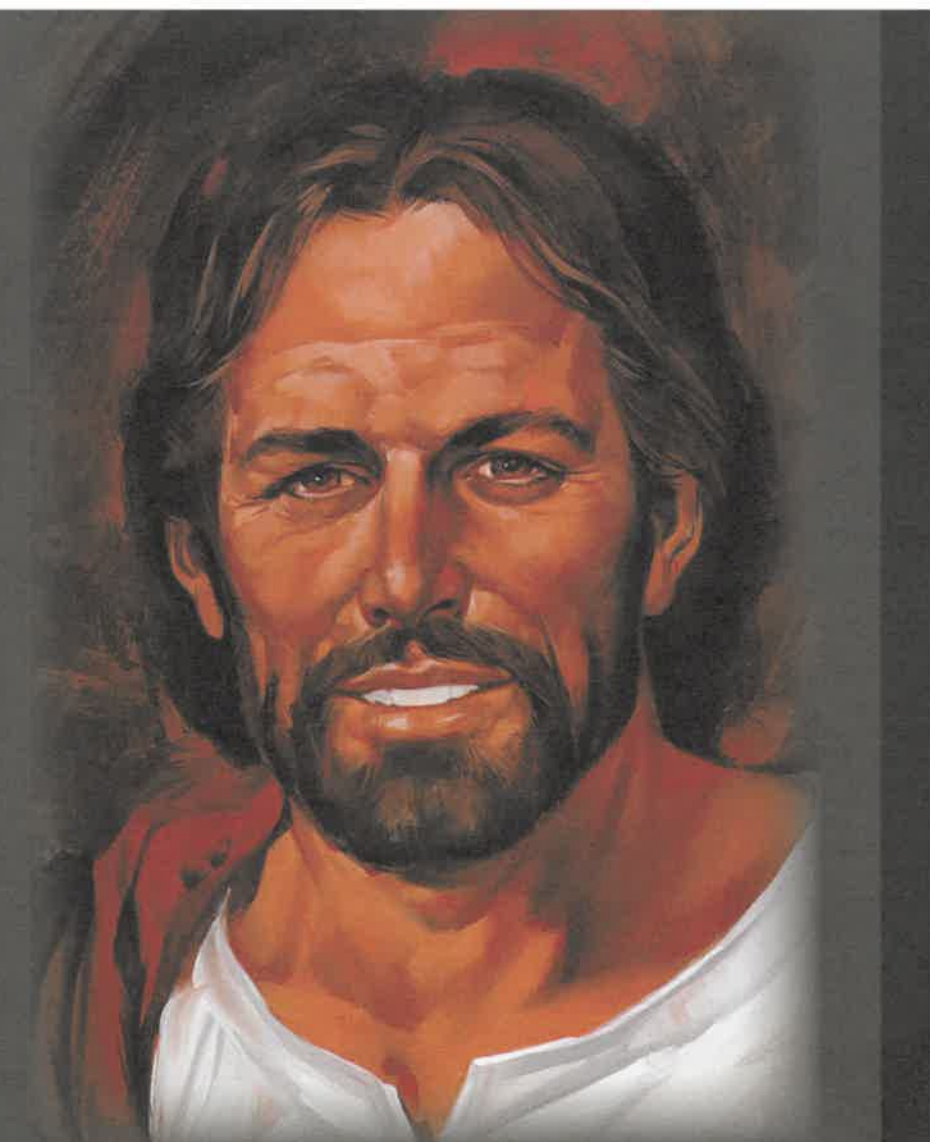
<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to every-  
one among you not to think of himself more  
highly than he ought to think, but to think  
with sober judgment, each according to the  
measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For  
as in one body we have many members, and  
the members do not all have the same func-  
tion, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in  
Christ, and individually members one of  
another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according  
to the grace given to us, let us use them: if  
prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if ser-  
vice, in our serving; the one who teaches, in  
his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his  
exhortation; the one who contributes, in gen-  
erosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one  
who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district  
of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"  
<sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist,  
others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one  
of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who  
do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied,  
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living  
God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are  
you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood  
has not revealed this to you, but my Father  
who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are  
Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against  
it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom  
of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall  
be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose  
on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then  
he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one  
that he was the Christ.



**About the Cover:** "You are the Christ!" This confession is the rock  
on which the Church is built. This Jesus is the Messiah, the Chosen  
One, who brings salvation. Every Sunday that we gather, we make  
this confession, because He has come to us with forgiveness. Life and  
salvation is found in no one else.



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