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Dear Friends,

A very happy day to all of you.

This time of the Liturgical Year we hear many of the daily readings repeating what was done on Sunday of the same week. Then the Lectionary people add options that give further repeated readings from previous weeks. And meanwhile the homilist is faced with saying the same thing more than once in a few days. Yikes!

So I'll lead us to the Responsorial Psalm for today as our reflection:

Psalm 102

The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

The nations shall revere your name, O LORD, and all the kings of the earth your glory,
When the LORD has rebuilt Zion and appeared in his glory;
When he has regarded the prayer of the destitute, and not despised their prayer.

Let this be written for the generation to come, and let his future creatures praise the LORD: "The LORD looked down from his holy height, from heaven he beheld the earth,

To hear the groaning of the prisoners, to release those doomed to die."

The children of your servants shall abide, and their posterity shall continue in your presence, That the name of the LORD may be declared on Zion; and his praise, in Jerusalem,

When the peoples gather together and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

May our gracious and loving God fill us with peace and joy, today and always!