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A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 62.1-5

The Lord says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

"The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

"You shall no more be termed 'Forsaken,'
and your land shall no more be termed 'Desolate';
but you shall be called 'My Delight Is in Her,'
and your land 'Married';
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

"For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you."

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12.4-11

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God
who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,
and to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit,
to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
to another the working of miracles,
to another prophecy,
to another the discernment of spirits.

to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.