

Weekly Bible Readings from the Catholic Children's Bible: Week of July 5th:

First reading from the book of Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion! Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem!
Look! your king is coming to you! He comes triumphant and victorious,
but humble and riding on a donkey- on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
The Lord says, "I will remove the war chariots from Israel
And take the horses from Jerusalem; the bows used in battle
will be destroyed. Your king will make peace among nations;
He will rule from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth."

Responsorial Psalm 145:

I proclaim your greatness, my God and kings; I will thank you forever.
Every day I will thank you; I will praise you forever.

The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to become angry and full of constant love. He is good to everyone and has compassion on all he made.

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, all your people will give you thanks.
They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might so that everyone will know of your mighty deeds. Your rule is eternal, and you are king forever.

Second Reading from St. Paul to the Romans – 8:9, 11-13

Those who obey their human nature cannot please God. But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to—if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God. If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, that spirit will also give life to your body by the presence of his Spirit in you.

The Gospel of the Lord: Come to Me and Rest: Matt: 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, "Father, Lord of heaven and earth! I thank you because you have shown to the unlearned what you have hidden from the wise and learned. Yes, Father, this was how you were pleased to have it happen.
"My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those the Son chooses to reveal him. "
"Come to ME, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."