

RESPONSIVE READING (Is. 40:21-31)

LEADER: Haven't you heard? Don't you understand?

CONGREGATION: God sits above the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them.

To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal? asks the Holy One. Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars?

He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and strength, not a single one is missing.

How can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? How can you say God ignores your rights? Have you never heard? Have you never understood?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

TOGETHER: But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."