1st Lesson: Psalm 90:1-8 (NRSV)

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

2nd Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (NRSV)

Final Exhortations, Greetings, and Benediction

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among
you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; 13 esteem them very
highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we urge
you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be
patient with all of them. 15 See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to
do good to one another and to all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not
quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise the words of prophets, 21 but test everything; hold
fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.
