

## **A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (3:14-18)**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
Yahweh has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes,  
word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.