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shall flourish in the courts of our God.

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**as it was in the beginning, is now,
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The Old Testament Reading

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His seed shall be mighty upon earth;
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and his righteousness endureth forever.

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