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Readings and Psalms for
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Monday 12 October

Psalms 99; 100

99

- 1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion:
he is high above all nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:
for holy is the Lord.
- 4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.
- 5 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them,
and pardoned their wrongdoing.
- 9 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down towards his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

100

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Matthew 13.1-17

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.

² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.

⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?'

¹¹ He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

¹² For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

¹³ The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand."

¹⁴ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

"You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,

and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them."

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

Tuesday 13 October

Psalms 101; 102.1-11

101

- 1 My song shall be of steadfastness and justice:
to you, Lord, will I sing.
- 2 I will be wise in the way of innocence:
O when will you come to me?
- 3 I will walk within my house:
in purity of heart.
- 4 I will set nothing evil before my eyes:
I hate the sin of backsliders, it shall get no hold on me.
- 5 Crookedness of heart shall depart from me:
I will know nothing of wickedness.
- 6 Those who secretly slander their neighbours I will destroy:
the proud look and the arrogant heart I will not endure.
- 7 My eyes shall look to the faithful in the land,
and they shall make their home with me:
those who walk in the way of innocence,
they shall minister to me.
- 8 No one who practises deceit shall live in my house:
no one who utters lies shall stand in my sight.
- 9 Morning by morning I will destroy
all the wicked of the land:
and cut off all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

102

- 1 O Lord, hear my prayer:
and let my cry come to you.
- 2 Do not hide your face from me in the day of my trouble:
turn your ear to me;
and when I call, be swift to answer.
- 3 For my days pass away like smoke:
and my bones burn as in a furnace.
- 4 My heart is scorched and withered like grass:
and I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 I am weary with the sound of my groaning:
my bones stick fast to my skin.
- 6 I have become like an owl in the wilderness:
like a screech-owl among the ruins.
- 7 I keep watch and flit to and fro:
like a sparrow upon a housetop.
- 8 My enemies taunt me all day long:
and those who rave at me make oaths against me.
- 9 Surely I have eaten ashes for bread:
and mingled my drink with tears,
- 10 Because of your wrath and indignation:
for you have taken me up and tossed me aside.
- 11 My days decline like a shadow:
and I wither away like grass.

Matthew 13.18-30

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.' ²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" '

Wednesday 14 October

Psalms 108; 109.20-30

108

- 1 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and make melody.
- 2 Awake my soul, awake lute and harp:
for I will awaken the morning.
- 3 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples:
I will sing your praise among the nations.
- 4 For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens:
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens:
and let your glory be over all the earth;
- 6 That those whom you love may be delivered:
O save us by your right hand, and answer me.
- 7 God has said in his holy place:
'I will exult and divide Shechem,
I will parcel out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 'Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine:
Ephraim is my helmet, and Judah my rod of command.
- 9 'Moab is my wash-bowl, over Edom will I cast my shoe:
against Philistia will I shout in triumph.
- 10 Who will lead me into the fortified city:
who will bring me into Edom?
- 11 Have you not cast us off, O God?:
you go not out with our armies.
- 12 Give us your help against the enemy:
for human help is vain.
- 13 By the power of our God we shall do valiantly:
for it is he that will tread down our enemies.

109

- 20 Act for me, O Lord my God, for your name's sake:
and deliver me, as your steadfast love is good.
- 21 For I am poor and needy:
and my heart writhes within me.
- 22 I fade like a lengthening shadow:
I am shaken off like a locust.
- 23 My knees are weak from fasting:
my flesh grows lean and shrunken.
- 24 I have become the scorn of my enemies:
and when they see me, they toss their heads in derision.
- 25 Help me, O Lord my God:
and save me for your mercy's sake,
- 26 That all may know it was your hand:
that you, O Lord, have done it.
- 27 Though they curse, yet give me your blessing:
and those that come against me will be put to shame,
and your servant shall rejoice.

- 28 Let those that oppose me be covered with disgrace:
let them wear their shame as a garment.
- 29 And I will give the Lord great thanks with my mouth:
and praise him in the midst of a multitude.
- 30 For the Lord will stand at the right hand of the poor:
to save them from those that would condemn them.

Matthew 13.31-43

- ³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'
- ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'
- ³⁴ Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.
- ³⁵ This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet:
'I will open my mouth to speak in parables;
I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'
- ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'
- ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;
³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,
³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
- ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.
- ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,
⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Thursday 15 October

Psalm 104.1-25

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul:
 O Lord my God, how great you are!
- 2 Clothed with majesty and honour:
 wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 You have stretched out the heavens like a tent-cloth:
 and laid the beams of your dwelling upon their waters;
- 4 You make the clouds your chariot:
 and ride upon the wings of the wind;
- 5 You make the winds your messengers:
 and flames of fire your ministers;
- 6 You have set the earth on its foundations:
 so that it shall never be moved.
- 7 The deep covered it as with a mantle:
 the waters stood above the hills.
- 8 At your rebuke they fled:
 at the voice of your thunder they hurried away;
- 9 They went up to the mountains,
 they went down by the valleys:
 to the place which you had appointed for them.
- 10 You fixed a limit which they may not pass:
 they shall not return again to cover the earth.
- 11 You send springs into the gullies:
 which run between the hills;
- 12 They give drink to every beast of the field:
 and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 13 Beside them the birds of the air build their nests:
 and sing among the branches.
- 14 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high:
 and the earth is filled by the fruits of your work.
- 15 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle:
 and all green things for the creatures that serve us.
- 16 You bring food out of the earth:
 and wine that makes glad the human heart,
- 17 Oil to give us a shining countenance:
 and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 18 The trees of the Lord are well-watered:
 the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted,
- 19 Where the birds build their nests:
 and the stork makes her home in the pine-tops.
- 20 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats:
 and the crags a cover for the conies.
- 21 You created the moon to mark the seasons:
 and the sun knows the hour of its setting.
- 22 You make darkness, and it is night:
 in which all the beasts of the forest move by stealth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey:
 seeking their food from God.

- 24 When the sun rises, they retire:
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 25 Human beings go out to their work:
and to their labour until the evening.

Matthew 13.44-58

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. ⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' ⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

Friday 16 October

Psalm 105.1-22

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- 2 Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.
- 5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8 He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,
- 9 The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- 11 Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance',
- 12 And that when they were but few:
little in number and aliens in the land.
- 13 They wandered from nation to nation:
from one people and kingdom to another.
- 14 He suffered no one to do them wrong:
but reproved even kings for their sake,
- 15 Saying 'Touch not my anointed:
and do my prophets no harm.'
- 16 Then he called down a famine on the land:
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.
- 17 But he had sent a man ahead of them:
Joseph who was sold into slavery,
- 18 Whose feet they fastened with fetters:
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.
- 19 Till the time that his words proved true:
he was tested by the Lord's command.
- 20 Then the king sent and loosed him:
the ruler of nations set him free;
- 21 He made him master of his household:
and ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To rebuke his officers at will:
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

Matthew 14.1-21

¹ At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; ² and he said to his servants, 'This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ because John had been telling him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her.' ⁵ Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod ⁷ so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.' ⁹ The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰ he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. ¹² His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus. ¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Saturday 17 October

Psalm 106.1-24

- 1 Praise the Lord;
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.
- 4 Remember me, O Lord,
when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.
- 6 We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.
- 7 Our forebears when they were in Egypt:
took no heed of your wonders;
- 8 They did not remember
the multitude of your loving-kindnesses:
but they rebelled at the Red Sea.
- 9 Nevertheless, he saved them for his name's sake:
that he might make known his power.
- 10 He commanded the Red Sea, and it dried up:
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.
- 11 He delivered them from the hand of their adversary:
and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.
- 12 The waters closed over their oppressors:
so that not one was left alive.
- 13 Then they believed his words:
and sang him songs of praise.
- 14 But in a little while they forgot what he had done:
and would wait for his counsel no more.
- 15 Greed took hold of them in the desert:
and they put God to the test in the wilderness.
- 16 So he gave them that which they desired:
but sent a wasting sickness among them.
- 17 Then they grew envious of Moses in the camp:
and of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord;
- 18 Whereupon the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan:
it closed over the company of Abiram;
- 19 Fire flared out against their number:
and flame devoured the ungodly.
- 20 At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.
- 21 And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.

- 22 They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,
23 Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.
24 Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Matthew 14.22-36

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sunday 18 October

Psalm 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
he has made the world so firm
that it can never be moved;
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood
shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Philippians 4.10–20

¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it.

¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. ¹⁵ You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶ For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

