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## Monday 3 August

### Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 O let your ears consider well:  
the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
who then, O Lord, could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you:  
so that you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
and in his word is my hope.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord:  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is ample redemption.
- 8 He will redeem Israel:  
from the multitude of their sins.

### Acts 6.1-7; 7.1-49

<sup>6.1</sup> Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food.

<sup>2</sup> And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task,

<sup>4</sup> while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.'

<sup>5</sup> What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

<sup>6</sup> They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>7.1</sup> Then the high priest asked him, 'Are these things so?'

<sup>2</sup> And Stephen replied: 'Brothers and fathers, listen to me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

<sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Leave your country and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you."

<sup>4</sup> Then he left the country of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After his father died, God had him move from there to this country in which you are now living.

<sup>5</sup> He did not give him any of it as a heritage, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as his possession and to his descendants after him, even though he had no child.

<sup>6</sup> And God spoke in these terms, that his descendants would be resident aliens in a country belonging to others, who would enslave them and maltreat them for four hundred years.

<sup>7</sup> “But I will judge the nation that they serve,” said God, “and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.”

<sup>8</sup> Then he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

<sup>9</sup> ‘The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him,  
<sup>10</sup> and rescued him from all his afflictions, and enabled him to win favour and to show wisdom when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and over all his household.

<sup>11</sup> Now there came a famine throughout Egypt and Canaan, and great suffering, and our ancestors could find no food.

<sup>12</sup> But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our ancestors there on their first visit.

<sup>13</sup> On the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.

<sup>14</sup> Then Joseph sent and invited his father Jacob and all his relatives to come to him, seventy-five in all;

<sup>15</sup> so Jacob went down to Egypt. He himself died there as well as our ancestors,

<sup>16</sup> and their bodies were brought back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

<sup>17</sup> ‘But as the time drew near for the fulfilment of the promise that God had made to Abraham, our people in Egypt increased and multiplied

<sup>18</sup> until another king who had not known Joseph ruled over Egypt.

<sup>19</sup> He dealt craftily with our race and forced our ancestors to abandon their infants so that they would die.

<sup>20</sup> At this time Moses was born, and he was beautiful before God. For three months he was brought up in his father’s house;

<sup>21</sup> and when he was abandoned, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son.

<sup>22</sup> So Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his words and deeds.

<sup>23</sup> ‘When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his relatives, the Israelites.

<sup>24</sup> When he saw one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian.

<sup>25</sup> He supposed that his kinsfolk would understand that God through him was rescuing them, but they did not understand.

<sup>26</sup> The next day he came to some of them as they were quarrelling and tried to reconcile them, saying, “Men, you are brothers; why do you wrong each other?”

<sup>27</sup> But the man who was wronging his neighbour pushed Moses aside, saying, “Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?”

<sup>28</sup> Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?”

<sup>29</sup> When he heard this, Moses fled and became a resident alien in the land of Midian. There he became the father of two sons.

<sup>30</sup> ‘Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush.

<sup>31</sup> When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight; and as he approached to look, there came the voice of the Lord:

<sup>32</sup> “I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Moses began to tremble and did not dare to look.

<sup>33</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.

<sup>34</sup> I have surely seen the mistreatment of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. Come now, I will send you to Egypt."

<sup>35</sup> 'It was this Moses whom they rejected when they said, "Who made you a ruler and a judge?" and whom God now sent as both ruler and liberator through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

<sup>36</sup> He led them out, having performed wonders and signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years.

<sup>37</sup> This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, "God will raise up a prophet for you from your own people as he raised me up."

<sup>38</sup> He is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he received living oracles to give to us.

<sup>39</sup> Our ancestors were unwilling to obey him; instead, they pushed him aside, and in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,

<sup>40</sup> saying to Aaron, "Make gods for us who will lead the way for us; as for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him."

<sup>41</sup> At that time they made a calf, offered a sacrifice to the idol, and revelled in the works of their hands.

<sup>42</sup> But God turned away from them and handed them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets:

"Did you offer to me slain victims and sacrifices  
for forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

<sup>43</sup> No; you took along the tent of Moloch,  
and the star of your god Rephan,  
the images that you made to worship;

so I will remove you beyond Babylon."

<sup>44</sup> 'Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen.

<sup>45</sup> Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David,

<sup>46</sup> who found favour with God and asked that he might find a dwelling-place for the house of Jacob.

<sup>47</sup> But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

<sup>48</sup> Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says,

<sup>49</sup> "Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,  
or what is the place of my rest?

## Tuesday 4 August

### Psalm 80

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock:  
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine out in glory;
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- 3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:  
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.
- 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt:  
you drove out the nations, and planted it in.
- 9 You cleared the ground before it:  
and it struck root and filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with its shadow:  
and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.
- 11 It stretched out its branches to the sea:  
and its tender shoots to the Great River.
- 12 Why then have you broken down its walls:  
so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?
- 13 The wild boar out of the woods roots it up:  
and the locusts from the wild places devour it.
- 14 Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts:  
look down from heaven, and see.
- 15 Bestow your care upon this vine:  
the stock which your own right hand has planted.
- 16 As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down:  
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:  
on that son of man  
whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:  
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

## John 11.17-37

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

## Wednesday 5 August

### Psalms 82; 84

#### 82

- 1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:  
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly:  
and favour the cause of the wicked?
- 3 'Judge for the poor and fatherless:  
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.
- 4 'Rescue the poor and needy:  
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
- 5 'They do not know, they do not understand,  
they walk about in darkness:  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say, "Though you are gods:  
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 "Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:  
and fall like one of the princes."
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge the earth:  
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

#### 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling-place:  
O Lord God of hosts!
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing  
to enter the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 The sparrow has found her a home,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house:  
they will always be praising you.
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you:  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
- 6 Who, going through the valley of dryness,  
find there a spring from which to drink:  
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength:  
they appear, every one of them,  
before the God of gods in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:  
give ear, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:  
and look upon the face of your anointed.
- 10 One day in your courts is better than a thousand:  
I would rather stand at the threshold  
of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

- 11 For the Lord God is a light and a shield,  
the Lord gives favour and honour:  
and no good thing will he withhold  
from those who walk in innocence.
- 12 O Lord God of hosts:  
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

### **John 11.38-54**

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. <sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, 'What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.' <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, 'You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.' <sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they planned to put him to death. <sup>54</sup> Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.



## Thursday 6 August

### Psalm 86

- 1 Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am faithful:  
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord:  
for I call to you all the day long.
- 4 O make glad the soul of your servant:  
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:  
of great and continuing kindness  
to all who call upon you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, O Lord:  
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you:  
for you will surely answer.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:  
nor are there any deeds like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made  
shall come and worship before you:  
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvellous things:  
and you alone are God.
- 11 Show me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth:  
let my heart delight to fear your name.
- 12 I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart:  
and I will glorify your name for ever.
- 13 For great is your abiding love toward me:  
and you have delivered my life  
from the lowest depths of the grave.
- 14 The insolent, O God, have risen against me:  
a ruthless band seek my life,  
they have not set God before their eyes.
- 15 But you, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate:  
slow to anger, full of goodness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and be merciful,  
give your strength to your servant:  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me some token of your goodness:  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,  
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.

## **John 11.55-12.11**

<sup>11.55</sup> Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. <sup>56</sup> They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, 'What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?' <sup>57</sup> Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him. <sup>12.1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.' <sup>9</sup> When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup> since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

## Friday 7 August

### Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge:  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were born  
or the earth and the world were brought to be:  
from eternity to eternity you are God.
- 3 You turn us back into dust:  
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday passing:  
or like one watch of the night.
- 5 You cut them short like a dream:  
like the fresh grass of the morning;
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes:  
at evening it is withered and dried up.
- 7 And we are consumed by your anger:  
because of your indignation we cease to be.
- 8 You have brought our iniquities before you:  
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
- 9 Our days decline beneath your wrath:  
and our years pass away like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,  
or if we have strength, four score:  
the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,  
for it passes quickly away and we are gone.
- 11 Who can know the power of your wrath:  
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?
- 12 Teach us so to number our days:  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:  
take pity on your servants.
- 14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:  
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.
- 15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:  
for the years we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your work:  
and let their children see your glory.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper the work of our hands,  
O prosper the work of our hands!

## John 12.12-36a

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!'

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

<sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.

<sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

<sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing.

Look, the world has gone after him!'

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

<sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'

<sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

<sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

<sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

<sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?'

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.

<sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.' After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

## Saturday 8 August

### Psalm 89.1-18

- 1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness  
that it is built for ever:  
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:  
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:  
and build up your throne for all generations.'
- 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord:  
and let your faithfulness be sung  
in the assembly of the holy ones.
- 6 For who amidst the clouds can be compared to the Lord:  
or who is like the Lord amongst the gods?
- 7 —A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones:  
great and terrible above all that are around him.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is like you?:  
your power and your faithfulness are all about you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea:  
when its waves surge, you still them.
- 10 You crushed Rahab like a carcass:  
you scattered your enemies by your mighty arm.
- 11 The heavens are yours, so also is the earth:  
you founded the world and all that is in it.
- 12 You created the north and the south:  
Tabor and Mount Hermon shall sing of your name.
- 13 Mighty is your arm:  
strong is your hand,  
and your right hand is lifted high.
- 14 Righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of your throne:  
loving-kindness and faithfulness attend your presence.
- 15 Happy the people who know the triumphal shout:  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
- 16 They rejoice all the day long because of your name:  
because of your righteousness they are exalted.
- 17 For you are their glory and their strength:  
and our heads are uplifted by your favour.
- 18 Our king belongs to the Lord:  
he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.

## **John 12.36b-50**

<sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.' After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

<sup>37</sup> Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him.

<sup>38</sup> This was to fulfil the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

'Lord, who has believed our message,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?'

<sup>39</sup> And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

<sup>40</sup> 'He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,

so that they might not look with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart and turn—  
and I would heal them.'

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

<sup>42</sup> Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

<sup>43</sup> for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried aloud: 'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me.

<sup>45</sup> And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

<sup>46</sup> I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.

<sup>47</sup> I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

<sup>48</sup> The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge,

<sup>49</sup> for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.

<sup>50</sup> And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.'

## Sunday 9 August

### Psalm 85

- 1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.
- 3 You put aside all your wrath:  
and turned away from your fierce indignation.
- 4 Return to us again, O God our saviour:  
and let your anger cease from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever:  
will you stretch out your wrath  
from one generation to another?
- 6 Will you not give us life again:  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.

## **Romans 11.7-16**

<sup>7</sup> What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

<sup>8</sup> as it is written,

‘God gave them a sluggish spirit,  
eyes that would not see  
and ears that would not hear,

down to this very day.’

<sup>9</sup> And David says,

‘Let their table become a snare and a trap,  
a stumbling-block and a retribution for them;

<sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and keep their backs for ever bent.’

<sup>11</sup> So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

<sup>12</sup> Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry

<sup>14</sup> in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them.

<sup>15</sup> For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

<sup>16</sup> If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.