



Daily Prayer
in
the Second Week of Advent

Sunday Daily Prayer

Preparation

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Psalm 119.11

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Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalm 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.

Reading

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

Malachi 3.1-2,4, 4.5

Response

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Matthew 5.6

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Psalm 103.1-10

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul:
and all that is within me, praise his holy name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul:
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 Who forgives all your sin:
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit:
and crowns you with mercy and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies your being with good things:
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness:
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses:
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding:
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

Reading

Then the LORD will appear over them,
and his arrow go forth like lightning;
the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet
and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.
The LORD of hosts will protect them,
and they shall devour and tread down the slingers;
they shall drink their blood like wine,
and be full like a bowl,
drenched like the corners of the altar.
On that day the LORD their God will save them,
for they are the flock of his people;
for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on his land.

Zechariah 9.14-15a, 16

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Psalm 138.1-3, 6-8

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word
supreme over all things.
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.

Reading

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.10-11

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Psalm 98.1-6

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

Reading

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over the transgression
of the remnant of your possession?
He does not retain his anger for ever,
because he delights in showing clemency.
He will again have compassion upon us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and unswerving loyalty to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our ancestors
from the days of old.

Micah 7.18-20

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Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.
- 18 They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 20 He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.
- 21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;
- 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

Reading

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.'

Ruth 4.13-15a

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Psalm 14.1-4, 7

- 1 Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.
- 2 The Lord looked down from heaven
upon the children of Adam:
to see if there were any who would act wisely
and seek after God.
- 3 But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt:
there is none that does good, no not one.
- 4 Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?
- 7 O that deliverance for Israel might come forth
from Zion:
when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Reading

When Moses had finished reciting all these words to all Israel, he said to them: 'Take to heart all the words that I am giving in witness against you today; give them as a command to your children, so that they may diligently observe all the words of this law. This is no trifling matter for you, but rather your very life; through it you may live long in the land that you are crossing over the Jordan to possess.'

On that very day the Lord addressed Moses as follows: 'Ascend this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites for a possession; you shall die there on the mountain that you ascend and shall be gathered to your kin, as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his kin; because both of you broke faith with me among the Israelites at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, by failing to maintain my holiness among the Israelites. Although you may view

the land from a distance, you shall not enter it—the land that I am giving to the Israelites.’

This is the blessing with which Moses, the man of God, blessed the Israelites before his death. He said:

The Lord came from Sinai,

and dawned from Seir upon us;

he shone forth from Mount Paran.

With him were myriads of holy ones;

at his right, a host of his own.

Indeed, O favourite among peoples,

all his holy ones were in your charge;

they marched at your heels,

accepted direction from you.

Moses charged us with the law,

as a possession for the assembly of Jacob.

There arose a king in Jeshurun,

when the leaders of the people assembled—

the united tribes of Israel.

May Reuben live, and not die out,

even though his numbers are few.

And this he said of Judah:

O Lord, give heed to Judah,

and bring him to his people;

strengthen his hands for him,

and be a help against his adversaries.

Deuteronomy 32.45-33.7

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Psalm 87

- 1 He has founded it upon a holy hill:
and the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things shall be spoken of you:
O Zion, city of our God.
- 3 I might speak of my kindred in Egypt or in Babylon:
in Philistia, Tyre or Nubia, where each was born.
- 4 But of Zion it shall be said:
many were born in her,
he that is Most High has established her.
- 5 When the Lord draws up the record of the nations:
he shall take note where everyone was born.
- 6 And the singers and the dancers together:
shall make their song to your name.

Reading

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Sirach 24.19-22

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