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Readings and Psalms for
Morning Prayer Services
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Monday

Psalms 1; 2

1

- 1 Blessed are they
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:
nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
- 2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and on that law will they ponder day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water:
that yield their fruit in due season.
- 4 Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up
at the judgement:
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder:
let us throw off their chains from us.'
- 4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.
- 5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury:
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
- 6 I will announce the Lord's decree,
that which he has spoken:
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.
- 7 'Ask of me,
and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
- 8 'You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 9 Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- 10 Serve the Lord with awe,
and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
- 11 For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

Luke 12.49-59

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens.

⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.

⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

⁵⁷ 'And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?

⁵⁸ Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison.

⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.'

Tuesday

Psalms 5; 6

5

- 1 Hear my words, O Lord, give heed to my groaning:
listen to my cry, you that are my king and my God.
- 2 In the morning when I pray to you,
surely you will hear my voice:
at daybreak I lay my prayers before you, and look up.
- 3 For you are not a God who
takes pleasure in wickedness:
nor can any evil dwell with you.
- 4 The boastful cannot stand in your sight:
you hate all those that work mischief.
- 5 Those who speak lies you destroy:
you abhor the treacherous, O Lord,
and those that are stained with blood.
- 6 But because of your great goodness
I will come into your house:
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in awe and fear of you.
- 7 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness,
for my enemies lie in wait:
make straight your way before me.
- 8 For there is no truth in their mouth:
and within they are eaten up by malice.
- 9 Their throat is an open sepulchre:
and their tongue speaks smooth and flattering words.
- 10 Destroy them, O God,
let them fall by their own contriving:
cast them out for their many offences,
for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But let all who put their trust in you rejoice:
let them shout with joy for ever.
- 12 Be the defender of those who love your name:
let them exult because of you.
- 13 For you will bless, O Lord, those that are righteous:
you will cover them with your favour as with a shield.

6

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your indignation:
nor chasten me in your fierce displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:
O Lord, heal me, for my very bones are afraid.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled:
and you, Lord—how long will you delay?
- 4 Turn again, O Lord, and deliver my soul:
O save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you:
and who can give you thanks from the grave?

- 6 I am wearied with my groaning:
every night I drown my bed with weeping,
and water my couch with my tears.
- 7 My eyes waste away for sorrow:
they grow dim because of all my enemies.
- 8 Away from me, all you that do evil:
for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication:
the Lord will receive my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be put to shame and
greatly dismayed:
they shall turn back and be confounded in a moment.

Luke 13.1-9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Wednesday

Psalm 9

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
I will tell of all the wonders you have done.
- 2 I will rejoice and be glad in you:
I will make my songs to your name, O Most High.
- 3 For my enemies are driven back:
they stumble and perish at your presence.
- 4 You have maintained my cause and my right:
you sat enthroned as a righteous judge.
- 5 You rebuked the heathen nations,
you brought the wicked to destruction:
you blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 The strongholds of the enemy are made
a perpetual desolation:
you plucked up their cities,
and even their memory has perished.
- 7 The Lord confounds them; but the Lord endures for ever:
he has set up his throne for judgement.
- 8 He shall judge the world with righteousness:
and deal true justice to the peoples.
- 9 The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:
he is a tower of strength in time of need.
- 10 All who heed your name will trust in you:
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.
- 11 O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
- 12 For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:
he has not forgotten their cry.
- 13 The Lord has been merciful toward me,
he saw what I suffered from my foes:
he raised me up again from the gates of death,
- 14 That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.
- 15 The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
- 16 The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to death:
and all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:
let the nations be judged before you.
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord:
and let the nations know they are but human.

Luke 13.10-21

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. ¹⁸ He said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.' ²⁰ And again he said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Thursday

Psalms 11; 12

11

- 1 In the Lord I have found my refuge:
how then can you say to me
'Flee like a bird to the mountains;
- 2 'Look how the wicked make ready the bow,
and notch their arrows upon the string:
to shoot from the darkness at the true of heart;
- 3 'If the foundations are destroyed:
what can the righteous do?'
- 4 The Lord is in his holy place,
the Lord is enthroned in heaven:
his eyes search out, his glance tries the children of Adam.
- 5 He tries the righteous and the wicked:
and those that delight in violence his soul abhors.
- 6 He will rain down coals of fire and brimstone
upon the wicked:
a scorching wind shall be their cup to drink.
- 7 For the Lord is righteous and loves righteous acts:
the upright shall see his face.

12

- 1 Help, Lord, for there is not one godly person left:
the faithful have vanished from among
the children of Adam.
- 2 Everyone tells lies to their neighbour:
they flatter with their lips,
but speak from a double heart.
- 3 If only the Lord would cut off all flattering lips:
and the tongue that speaks so proudly!
- 4 They say 'By our tongues we shall prevail:
our lips are our servants—who is lord over us?'
- 5 Because of the oppression of the poor,
because of the groaning of the needy:
'I will arise', says the Lord,
'and set them in safety from those that
snarl after them.'
- 6 The words of the Lord are pure,
as silver refined in a crucible:
as gold that is seven times purified in the fire.
- 7 You will surely guard us, O Lord:
and shield us for ever from this evil generation,
- 8 Though the ungodly strut on every side:
though the vilest lord it over the children of Adam.

Luke 13.22-35

²² Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, ²⁴ 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." ²⁷ But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.' ³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Friday

Psalms 15; 16

15

- 1 Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing which is right:
who speaks the truth from the heart,
and has not slandered with the tongue;
- 3 Who has done no evil to a friend:
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
- 4 In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;
- 5 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:
and will not go back on that oath;
- 6 Who has not put money to usury:
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things:
shall never be overthrown.

16

- 1 Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Luke 14.1-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ² Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' ⁴ But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. ⁵ Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' ⁶ And they could not reply to this.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Saturday

Psalm 18.1-31

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength:
O Lord my crag, my fortress and my deliverer,
- 2 My God, the rock to which I come for refuge:
my shield, my mighty saviour, and my high defence.
- 3 I called to the Lord with loud lamentation:
and I was rescued from my enemies.
- 4 The waves of death encompassed me:
and the floods of chaos overwhelmed me;
- 5 The cords of the grave tightened about me:
and the snares of death lay in my path.
- 6 In my anguish I called to the Lord:
I cried for help to my God.
- 7 From his temple he heard my voice:
and my cry came even to his ears.
- 8 The earth heaved and quaked,
the foundations of the hills were shaken:
they trembled because he was angry.
- 9 Smoke went out from his nostrils:
and a consuming fire from his mouth.
- 10 He parted the heavens and came down:
and there was darkness under his feet.
- 11 He rode upon the cherubim and flew:
he came swooping upon the wings of the wind.
- 12 He made the darkness his covering:
and his canopy was thick cloud and watery darkness.
- 13 Out of his clouds, from the brightness before him:
broke hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The Lord thundered in the heavens:
the Most High uttered his voice.
- 15 He let loose his arrows, he scattered them on every side:
he hurled down lightnings
with the roar of the thunderbolt.
- 16 The springs of the sea were uncovered:
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
- 17 At your rebuke, O Lord:
at the blast of the breath of your displeasure.
- 18 He reached down from on high and took me:
he drew me out of the great waters.
- 19 He delivered me from my strongest enemy:
from my foes that were mightier than I.
- 20 They confronted me in the day of my calamity:
but the Lord was my upholder.
- 21 He brought me out into a place of liberty:
and rescued me because I delighted his heart.
- 22 The Lord rewarded me for my righteous dealing:
he recompensed me according to
the cleanness of my hands,

- 23 Because I had kept to the ways of the Lord:
and had not turned from my God to do evil.
- 24 For I had an eye to all his laws:
and did not put his commandments from me.
- 25 I was also blameless before him:
and I kept myself from wrongdoing.
- 26 Therefore the Lord rewarded my innocence:
because my hands were undefiled in his sight.
- 27 With the faithful you show yourself faithful:
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;
- 28 With the pure you are pure:
but with the crooked you show yourself perverse.
- 29 For you will save a humble people:
but you bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 30 You light my lamp, O Lord my God:
you make my darkness to be bright.
- 31 For with your help I can charge an armed troop:
with the help of my God I can leap a city wall.

Luke 14.15-34

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." ¹⁹ Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." ²⁰ Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." ²² And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." ²³ Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner." ²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. ³⁴ 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

Sunday

Psalm 119.57-64

- 57 The Lord is my portion:
I have promised to keep your words.
- 58 I have sought your favour with my whole heart:
O be gracious to me according to your word.
- 59 I have taken stock of my ways:
and have turned back my feet to your commands.
- 60 I made haste and did not delay:
to keep your commandments.
- 61 The snares of the wicked encompassed me:
but I did not forget your law;
- 62 At midnight I rise to give you thanks:
for the righteousness of your judgements.
- 63 I am a friend to all who fear you:
to those who keep your precepts.
- 64 The earth, O Lord, is full of your loving mercy:
O teach me your statutes.

Mark 14.53-72

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.

⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree.

⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

⁵⁸ 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." '

⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?'

⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?'

⁶² Jesus said, 'I am; and

"you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven." '

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses?

⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death.

⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him.

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by.

⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.'

⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.

⁶⁹ And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.'

⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.'

⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.'

⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

