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Readings and Psalms for
Morning Prayer Services
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Monday

Psalm 37.1-7

- 1 Do not vie with the wicked:
or envy those that do wrong;
- 2 For they will soon wither like the grass:
and fade away like the green leaf.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good:
and you shall dwell in the land
and feed in safe pastures.
- 4 Let the Lord be your delight:
and he will grant you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord:
trust him, and he will act.
- 6 He will make your righteousness
shine as clear as the light:
and your innocence as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:
do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.

Matthew 24.32-51

³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. ⁴⁵ 'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", ⁴⁹ and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. ⁵¹ He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Tuesday

Psalm 38

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger:
nor chasten me in your fierce displeasure.
- 2 For your arrows have been aimed against me:
and your hand has come down heavy upon me.
- 3 There is no health in my flesh
because of your indignation:
nor soundness in my bones, by reason of my sin.
- 4 The tide of my iniquities has gone over my head:
their weight is a burden too heavy for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester:
because of my foolishness.
- 6 I am bowed down and brought so low:
that I go mourning all the day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with a burning pain:
and there is no sound part in all my body.
- 8 I am numbed and stricken to the ground:
I cry aloud in the yearning of my heart.
- 9 O Lord, all I long for is before you:
and my deep sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is in tumult, my strength fails me:
and even the light of my eyes has gone from me.
- 11 My friends and my companions
hold aloof from my affliction:
and my neighbours stand far off.
- 12 Those who seek my life strike at me:
and those that desire my hurt spread evil tales,
and murmur slanders all the day.
- 13 But I am like one who is deaf and hears nothing:
like those that are dumb, who do not open their mouths.
- 14 So I have become as one who cannot hear:
in whose mouth there is no retort.
- 15 For in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
and you will answer me, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I prayed 'Let them never exult over me:
those who turn arrogant when my foot slips.'
- 17 Truly, I am ready to fall:
and my pain is with me continually.
- 18 But I acknowledge my wickedness:
and I am filled with sorrow at my sin.
- 19 Those that are my enemies without cause
are great in number:
and those who hate me wrongfully are many.
- 20 Those also who repay evil for good are against me:
because I seek after good.
- 21 Forsake me not, O Lord,
go not far from me, my God:
hasten to my help, O Lord my salvation.

Matthew 25.1-13

¹ 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Wednesday

Psalm 40

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.
- 3 And he has put a new song in my mouth:
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.
- 4 Many shall see it and fear:
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
- 5 Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:
who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who wander in deceit.
- 6 O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;
- 7 Were I to declare them and speak of them:
they are more than I am able to express.
- 8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for obedience;
- 9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.
- 10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.
- 11 I have declared your righteousness
in the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.
- 12 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.
- 13 I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:
from the great congregation.
- 14 O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth
ever preserve me.
- 15 For innumerable troubles have come upon me:
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.
- 16 They are more in number than the hairs of my head:
therefore my heart fails me.
- 17 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 18 Let those who seek my life to take it away:
be put to shame and confounded altogether.
- 19 Let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil:
let them be aghast for shame who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

- 20 Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:
let those who love your salvation say always
'The Lord is great.'
- 21 As for me, I am poor and needy:
but the Lord will care for me.
- 22 You are my helper and my deliverer:
make no long delay, O Lord my God.

Matthew 25.14-30

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all 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. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Thursday

Psalms 41; 44.1-9

41

- 1 Blessed are they that consider the poor and helpless:
the Lord will deliver them in the day of trouble.
- 2 The Lord will guard them and preserve their life,
they shall be counted happy in the land:
you will not give them over to the will of their enemies.
- 3 And if they lie sick on their bed,
the Lord will sustain them:
if illness lays them low, you will overthrow it.
- 4 I said 'O Lord, be merciful toward me:
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'
- 5 My enemies speak evil of me, saying:
'When will he die, and his name perish for ever?'
- 6 And if someone comes to see me,
they mouth empty words:
while their heart gathers mischief,
and when they go out, they vent it.
- 7 All those that hate me whisper together against me:
they devise plots against me.
- 8 They say 'A deadly thing has got hold of him:
he will not get up again from where he lies.'
- 9 Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted:
who shared my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- 10 But you, O Lord, be gracious and raise me up:
and I will repay them what they have deserved.
- 11 By this will I know that you favour me:
That my enemy shall not triumph over me.
- 12 Because of my innocence you hold me fast:
you have set me before your face for ever.
- 13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen, Amen.

44

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God,
our forebears have told us:
what things you did in their time, in the days of old;
- 2 How by your own hand
you drove out the nations, and planted us in:
how you crushed the peoples,
but caused us to root and grow.
- 3 For it was not by their swords
that our fathers took possession of the land:
nor did their own arm get them the victory,
- 4 But your right hand, your arm,
and the light of your countenance:
because you delighted in them.
- 5 You are my king and my God:
who ordained victory for Jacob.

6 By your power we struck our enemies through:
in your name we trod down those that rose against us.
7 For I did not trust in my bow:
nor could my sword save me;
8 But it was you that delivered us from our enemies:
and put our adversaries to confusion.
9 In God we made our boast all the day long:
we gave thanks to your name without ceasing.

Matthew 25.31-46

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Friday

Psalm 45

- 1 My heart is astir with fine phrases,
I make my song for a king:
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men,
grace flows from your lips:
therefore has God blessed you for ever and ever.
- 3 Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior:
in glory and majesty tread down your foes, and triumph!
- 4 Ride on in the cause of truth:
and for the sake of justice.
- 5 Your right hand shall teach a terrible instruction:
peoples shall fall beneath you,
your arrows shall be sharp
in the hearts of the king's enemies.
- 6 Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever:
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.
- 7 You have loved righteousness and hated evil:
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 8 All your garments are fragrant
with myrrh, aloes and cassia:
music from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your noble women:
the queen is at your right hand in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
- 11 The king desires your beauty:
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.
- 12 The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.
- 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.
- 14 In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.
- 15 They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king.
- 16 In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.
- 17 And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

Mark 1.1-13

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight” ’,

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Saturday

Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
in the city of our God.
- 2 High and beautiful is his holy hill:
it is the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, where godhead truly dwells,
stands the city of the Great King:
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defence.
- 4 For the kings of the earth assembled:
they gathered together and came on;
- 5 They saw, they were struck dumb:
they were astonished and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling took hold on them, and anguish:
as on a woman in her travail;
- 7 Like the breath of the east wind:
that shatters the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts:
in the city of our God,
which God has established for ever.
- 9 We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:
even to the ends of the earth.
- 11 Your right hand is full of victory
—let Zion's hill rejoice:
let the daughters of Judah be glad,
because of your judgements.
- 12 Walk about Zion, go round about her,
and count all her towers:
consider well her ramparts, pass through her palaces;
- 13 That you may tell those who come after that such is God:
our God for ever and ever, and he will guide us eternally.

Mark 1.14-28

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. ²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sunday

Psalm 95.1-7

- 1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

John 12.20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷ '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. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

