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Readings and Psalms for
Morning Prayer Services
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Monday

Psalms 110; 111

110

- 1 The Lord said to my lord:
 'Sit at my right hand,
 until I make your enemies your footstool.'
- 2 The Lord commits to you the sceptre of your power:
 reign from Zion in the midst of your enemies.
- 3 Noble are you, from the day of your birth
upon the holy hill:
 radiant are you, even from the womb,
 in the morning dew of your youth.
- 4 The Lord has sworn and will not turn back:
 'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'
- 5 The king shall stand at your right hand, O Lord:
 and shatter kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 Glorious in majesty, he shall judge among the nations:
 and shatter heads over a wide land.
- 7 He shall slake his thirst from the brook beside the way:
 therefore shall he lift up his head.

111

- 1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord
with my whole heart:
 in the company of the upright
 and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great:
 and studied by all who take delight in them.
- 3 His deeds are majestic and glorious:
 and his righteousness stands for ever.
- 4 His marvellous acts have won him a name
to be remembered:
 the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He gives food to those that fear him:
 he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his acts:
 in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just:
 and all his commandments are sure;
- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever:
 they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
 holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
 his praise shall endure for ever.

John 9.1-12

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹ Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹ He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹² They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

Tuesday

Psalms 114; 115

114

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

115

- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us
but to your name give the glory:
for the sake of your faithfulness
and your loving-kindness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say 'Where is their God?':
our God is in heaven, he does whatever he wills.
- 3 As for their idols, they are silver and gold:
the work of human hands.
- 4 They have mouths, but speak not:
they have eyes, but they cannot see.
- 5 They have ears, yet hear nothing:
they have noses, but cannot smell.
- 6 Hands they have, but handle nothing,
feet, but they do not walk:
they make no sound with their throats.
- 7 Those who make them shall be like them:
so shall everyone that trusts in them.
- 8 O Israel, trust in the Lord:
he is your help and your shield.
- 9 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord:
he is your help and your shield.
- 10 You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:
he is your help and your shield.
- 11 The Lord has remembered us and he will bless us:
he will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless the house of Aaron.

- 12 He will bless all those that fear the Lord:
both high and low together.
- 13 May the Lord increase you greatly:
you and your children after you.
- 14 The blessing of the Lord be upon you:
he that made heaven and earth.
- 15 As for the heavens, they are the Lord's:
but the earth he has given to the children of Adam.
- 16 The dead do not praise the Lord:
nor do any that go down to silence.
- 17 But we will bless the Lord:
both now and for evermore. O praise the Lord.

John 9.13-23

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

Wednesday

Psalms 121; 122; 123

121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
- 8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me:
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing:
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:
where the pilgrims gather in unity.
- 4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
as he commanded Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There are set thrones of judgement:
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
may those who love you prosper.
- 7 Peace be within your walls:
and prosperity in your palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:
I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
I will seek for your good.

123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
- 5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

John 9.24-41

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

Thursday

Psalm 118.1-18

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Let the house of Aaron proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 5 In my danger I called to the Lord:
he answered and set me free.
- 6 The Lord is on my side, I shall not fear:
what can flesh and blood do to me?
- 7 The Lord is at my side as my helper:
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord:
than to trust to flesh and blood:
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord:
than to put your trust in princes.
- 10 All the nations surrounded me:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 11 They surrounded, they surrounded me on every side:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 12 They swarmed about me like bees,
they blazed like fire among the thorns:
in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell:
but the Lord was my helper.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.
- 16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
- 17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.

John 10.1-18

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Friday

Psalms 124; 125; 126

124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:
 if the Lord had not been on our side,
 when our enemies rose against us,
- 2 Then they would have swallowed us alive:
 when their anger was kindled against us.
- 3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:
 the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- 4 But praised be the Lord:
 who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
- 5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:
 the snare is broken, and we have gone free.
- 6 Our help is in the name of the Lord:
 who has made heaven and earth.

125

- 1 Those who put their trust in the Lord
shall be as Mount Zion:
 which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.
- 2 As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the Lord about his people:
 from this time forward for evermore.
- 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:
 lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.
- 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:
 to those that are upright in heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:
 and in Israel let there be peace.

126

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
 then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
 and our tongue with singing.
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:
 ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
 and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
 as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 Those who sow in tears:
 shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
 shall come again in gladness,
 bringing their sheaves with them.

John 10.19-30

¹⁹ Again the Jews were divided because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them were saying, 'He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?' ²¹ Others were saying, 'These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?' ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

Saturday

Psalms 130; 131; 133

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.

131

- 1 O Lord, my heart is not proud:
nor are my eyes haughty.
- 2 I do not busy myself in great matters:
or in things too wonderful for me.
- 3 But I have calmed and quieted my soul
like a weaned child upon its mother's breast:
like a child on its mother's breast is my soul within me.
- 4 O Israel, trust in the Lord:
from this time forward and for ever.

133

- 1 Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.
- 2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.
- 3 It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
- 4 For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.

John 10.31-42

³¹ The Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' ³³ The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"?' ³⁵ If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods"—and the scripture cannot be annulled—³⁶ can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. ³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' ³⁹ Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. ⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. ⁴¹ Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' ⁴² And many believed in him there.

Sunday

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.

Hebrews 13.7-19

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. ¹³ Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you. ¹⁸ Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon.

