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Readings and Psalms for
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Monday

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.

Luke 11.14-28

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' ¹⁶ Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. ²² But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴ 'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." ²⁵ When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.' ²⁷ While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' ²⁸ But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Tuesday

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.

Luke 11.29-44

²⁹ When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, 'This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! ³² The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! ³³ 'No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵ Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. ³⁶ If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.' ³⁷ While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. ⁴² 'But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others. ⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. ⁴⁴ Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.'

Wednesday

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.

Matthew 7.15-27

¹⁵ 'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will know them by their fruits. ²¹ 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" ²³ Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers." ²⁴ 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Thursday

Psalm 135

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the name of the Lord:
praise him, you servants of the Lord,
- 2 Who stand in the house of the Lord:
in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious:
sing praises to his name, for it is good.
- 4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself:
and Israel as his own possession.
- 5 I know that the Lord is great:
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 He does whatever he wills, in heaven and upon the earth:
in the seas and in the great depths.
- 7 He brings up clouds from the ends of the earth:
he makes lightning for the rain
and brings the wind out of his storehouses.
- 8 He struck down the firstborn of Egypt:
both man and beast alike.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt:
against Pharaoh and against all his servants.
- 10 He struck down great nations:
and slew mighty kings,
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan:
and all the princes of Canaan.
- 12 He made over their land as a heritage:
a heritage for Israel his people.
- 13 O Lord, your name shall endure for ever:
so shall your renown, throughout all generations.
- 14 For the Lord will vindicate his people:
he will take pity on his servants.
- 15 As for the idols of the nations,
they are but silver and gold:
the work of human hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but speak not:
they have eyes, but they cannot see.
- 17 They have ears, yet hear nothing:
there is no breath in their nostrils.
- 18 Those who make them shall be like them:
so shall everyone that trusts in them.
- 19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel:
bless the Lord, O house of Aaron.
- 20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi:
you that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
- 21 Blessed be the Lord from Zion:
he that dwells in Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Luke 12.8-21

⁸ 'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; ⁹ but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.' ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Friday

Psalms 137.1-6; 138

137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept:
when we remembered Zion.
- 2 As for our harps we hung them up:
upon the trees that are in that land.
- 3 For there those who led us away captive
required of us a song:
and those who had despoiled us demanded mirth,
saying 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
- 4 How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem:
let my right hand forget its mastery.
- 6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth:
if I do not remember you,
if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.

138

- 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.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 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.

Luke 12.22-34

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Saturday

Psalm 140

- 1 Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers:
and preserve me from the violent.
- 2 Who devise mischief in their hearts:
who stir up enmity day by day.
- 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent's:
and the venom of asps is under their lips.
- 4 Keep me, O Lord, from the power of the wicked:
preserve me from the violent,
who think to thrust me from my course.
- 5 The arrogant have laid a snare for me,
and rogues have stretched the net:
they have set traps along my way.
- 6 But I have said to the Lord 'You are my God':
hear, O Lord, the voice of my pleading.
- 7 O Lord my God and my sure stronghold:
you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Do not fulfil, O Lord, the desire of the wicked:
nor further the evil that they have devised.
- 9 Let not those that beset me lift their heads:
but let the mischief that is on their lips bury them.
- 10 Let hot burning coals be poured upon them:
let them be plunged into that miry pit
from which they shall never arise.
- 11 Let no one of evil tongue find footing in the land:
the evil, the violent—let them be hunted to the end.]
- 12 I know that the Lord will work justice for the oppressed:
and right judgements for the poor.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall have cause to praise your name:
and the just shall dwell in your sight.

Luke 12.35-48

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' ⁴¹ Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' ⁴² And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ 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, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Sunday

Psalm 119.49-56

- 49 Remember your word to your servant:
on which you have built my hope.
- 50 This has been my comfort in my affliction:
for your word has brought me life.
- 51 Though the proud have laughed me to scorn:
I have not turned aside from your law;
- 52 But I called to mind, O Lord, your judgements of old:
and in them I have found consolation.
- 53 I am seized with indignation at the wicked:
for they have forsaken your law.
- 54 But your statutes have become my songs:
in the house of my pilgrimage.
- 55 I think on your name, O Lord, in the night:
and I observe your law;
- 56 This has been my reward:
because I have kept your precepts.

Mark 14.27-52

²⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."

²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.'

²⁹ Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.'

³⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.'

³¹ But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'

³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

³⁴ And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.'

³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

³⁶ He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'

³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?'

³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.'

⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him.

⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?'

⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.'

⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him,

⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

