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Monday

Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:
according to the fulness of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my rebellion:
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence
and blameless in your judging.
- 5 Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 You that desire truth in the inward parts:
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness:
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins:
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me out from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the gladness of your help again:
and support me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways:
and sinners shall turn to you again.
- 14 O Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed:
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips:
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 16 You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it:
burnt-offerings you do not want.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 18 In your graciousness do good to Zion:
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt-offerings and oblations:
then will they offer young bulls upon your altar.

Luke 20.1-18

¹ One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders

² and said to him, 'Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?'

³ He answered them, 'I will also ask you a question, and you tell me:

⁴ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?'

⁵ They discussed it with one another, saying, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why did you not believe him?"

⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet.'

⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it came from.

⁸ Then Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

⁹ He began to tell the people this parable: 'A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time.

¹⁰ When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

¹¹ Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed.

¹² And he sent yet a third; this one also they wounded and threw out.

¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him."

¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, "This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours."

¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.' When they heard this, they said, 'Heaven forbid!'

¹⁷ But he looked at them and said, 'What then does this text mean:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone"?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 55.1-12

54

- 1 Save me, O God, by the power of your name:
and vindicate me by your might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God:
and listen to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the insolent have risen against me:
the ruthless, who have not set God before them,
seek my life.
- 4 But surely God is my helper:
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 Let evil recoil on those that would waylay me:
O destroy them in your faithfulness !]
- 6 Then will I offer you sacrifice with a willing heart:
I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you will deliver me from every trouble:
my eyes shall see the downfall of my enemies.

55

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God:
and do not hide yourself from my petition.
- 2 Give heed to me, and answer me:
I am restless in my complaining.
- 3 I am in turmoil at the voice of the enemy:
at the onslaught of the wicked.
- 4 For they bring down disaster upon me:
they persecute me with bitter fury.
- 5 My heart writhes within me:
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fear and trembling come upon me:
and horror overwhelms me.
- 7 And I said 'O for the wings of a dove:
that I might fly away and find rest.
- 8 'Then I would flee far off:
and make my lodging in the wilderness.
- 9 'I would hasten to find me a refuge:
out of the blast of slander,
- 10 'Out of the tempest of their calumny, O Lord:
and far from their double tongues.'
- 11 For I have seen violence and strife in the city:
day and night they go round it upon its walls.
- 12 Evil and wickedness are within it:
iniquity is within it, oppression and fraud
do not depart from its streets.

Luke 20.19-26

¹⁹ When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. ²¹ So they asked him, 'Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. ²² Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ²³ But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, ²⁴ 'Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?' They said, 'The emperor's.' ²⁵ He said to them, 'Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²⁶ And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.

Wednesday

Psalms 56; 57

56

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, for they are treading me down:
all day long my adversary presses upon me.
- 2 My enemies tread me down all the day:
for there are many that arrogantly fight against me.
- 3 In the hour of fear:
I will put my trust in you.
- 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and fear not:
what can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day long they afflict me with their words:
and every thought is how to do me evil.
- 6 They stir up hatred and conceal themselves:
they watch my steps, while they lie in wait for my life.
- 7 Let there be no escape for them:
bring down the peoples in your wrath, O God.
- 8 You have counted my anxious tossings;
put my tears in your bottle:
are not these things noted in your book?
- 9 In the day that I call to you, my enemies shall turn back:
this I know, for God is with me.
- 10 In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and fear not:
what can flesh and blood do to me?
- 11 To you, O God, must I perform my vows:
I will pay the thank-offering that is due.
- 12 For you will deliver my soul from death,
and my feet from falling:
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful:
for I come to you for shelter;
- 2 And in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge:
until these troubles are over-past.
- 3 I will call to God Most High:
to the God who will fulfil his purpose for me.
- 4 He will send from heaven and save me:
he will send forth his faithfulness
and his loving-kindness,
and rebuke those that would trample me down.
- 5 For I lie amidst ravening lions:
those whose teeth are spears and arrows,
and their tongue a sharpened sword.
- 6 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens:
and let your glory be over all the earth.
- 7 They have set a net for my feet, and I am brought low:
they have dug a pit before me,
but shall fall into it themselves.

- 8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and make melody.
- 9 Awake my soul, awake lute and harp:
for I will awaken the morning.
- 10 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples:
I will sing your praise among the nations.
- 11 For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens:
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 12 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens:
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Luke 20.27-47

- ²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him
- ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.
- ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless;
- ³⁰ then the second
- ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.
- ³² Finally the woman also died.
- ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'
- ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage;
- ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.
- ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.
- ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
- ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'
- ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.'
- ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him another question.
- ⁴¹ Then he said to them, 'How can they say that the Messiah is David's son?
- ⁴² For David himself says in the book of Psalms,
- 'The Lord said to my Lord,
- 'Sit at my right hand,
- ⁴³ until I make your enemies your footstool.' "
- ⁴⁴ David thus calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?'
- ⁴⁵ In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples,
- ⁴⁶ 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets.
- ⁴⁷ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

Thursday

Psalm 85

- 1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.
- 3 You put aside all your wrath:
and turned away from your fierce indignation.
- 4 Return to us again, O God our saviour:
and let your anger cease from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever:
will you stretch out your wrath
from one generation to another?
- 6 Will you not give us life again:
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

Hebrews 2.5-18

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,
'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

¹² saying,
'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

¹³ And again,

'I will put my trust in him.' And again,
'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Friday

Psalms 65; 70

65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- 3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself
to dwell within your courts:
we shall be filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
- 4 You will answer us in your righteousness
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the distant seas;
- 5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains:
you that are girded with power;
- 6 Who stilled the raging of the seas,
the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
- 8 You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.
- 9 The river of God is full of water:
and so providing for the earth,
you provide grain for us all.
- 10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness:
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness run over:
and the hills are girded with joy.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.

70

- 1 O God, be pleased to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let them be put to shame and confounded
who seek my life:
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.
- 3 Let them turn away for shame:
who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

- 4 Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:
let those who love your salvation
say always 'God is great.'
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy:
O God, be swift to save me.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer:
O Lord, make no delay.

Luke 21.20-28

²⁰ 'When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; ²² for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfilment of all that is written. ²³ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; ²⁴ they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Saturday

Psalm 68.1-20

- 1 God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.
- 2 As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire,
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.
- 4 O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.
- 5 He is the father of the fatherless,
he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.
- 6 He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.
- 7 O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession
when it was weary.
- 10 And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God,
had made ready for the poor.
- 11 The Lord spoke the word, and great was the company
of those that carried the tidings:
'Kings with their armies are fleeing, are fleeing away.
- 12 'Even the women at home may share in the spoil:
and will you sit idly among the sheepfolds?
- 13 'There are images of doves
whose wings are covered with silver:
and their pinions with shining gold.'
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings:
they were like snow falling upon Mount Zalmon.
- 15 Can the mountain of Bashan be a mountain of God:
the mountain of Bashan, that mountain of many peaks?
- 16 O mountains of many peaks, why look so enviously:
at the mountain where God is pleased to dwell,
where the Lord will remain for ever?
- 17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
and thousands upon thousands:
the Lord came from Sinai into his holy place.
- 18 When you ascended the heights,
you led the enemy captive,
you received tribute from the peoples:
but rebels shall not dwell in the presence of God.

- 19 Blessed be the Lord day by day,
who bears us as his burden:
he is the God of our deliverance.
- 20 God is to us a God who saves:
by God the Lord do we escape death.

Luke 21.29-22.6

^{21.29} Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' ³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple. ^{22.1} Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴ he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵ They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Sunday

Psalm 118.1-16

- 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.

John 12.20-32

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.'

