



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Readings and Psalms for
Morning Prayer Services
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Monday

Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.
- 3 You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.
- 5 You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.
- 7 And we are consumed by your anger:
because of your indignation we cease to be.
- 8 You have brought our iniquities before you:
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
- 9 Our days decline beneath your wrath:
and our years pass away like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if we have strength, four score:
the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,
for it passes quickly away and we are gone.
- 11 Who can know the power of your wrath:
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?
- 12 Teach us so to number our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:
take pity on your servants.
- 14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.
- 15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper the work of our hands,
O prosper the work of our hands!

Acts 8.4-13

⁴ Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. ⁶ The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, ⁷ for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city. ⁹ Now a certain man named Simon had previously practised magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he was someone great. ¹⁰ All of them, from the least to the greatest, listened to him eagerly, saying, 'This man is the power of God that is called Great.' ¹¹ And they listened eagerly to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip, who was proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed. After being baptized, he stayed constantly with Philip and was amazed when he saw the signs and great miracles that took place.

Tuesday

Psalm 89.1-18

- 1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness
that it is built for ever:
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:
and build up your throne for all generations.'
- 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord:
and let your faithfulness be sung
in the assembly of the holy ones.
- 6 For who amidst the clouds can be compared to the Lord:
or who is like the Lord amongst the gods?
- 7 —A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones:
great and terrible above all that are around him.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is like you?:
your power and your faithfulness are all about you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea:
when its waves surge, you still them.
- 10 You crushed Rahab like a carcass:
you scattered your enemies by your mighty arm.
- 11 The heavens are yours, so also is the earth:
you founded the world and all that is in it.
- 12 You created the north and the south:
Tabor and Mount Hermon shall sing of your name.
- 13 Mighty is your arm:
strong is your hand,
and your right hand is lifted high.
- 14 Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of your throne:
loving-kindness and faithfulness attend your presence.
- 15 Happy the people who know the triumphal shout:
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
- 16 They rejoice all the day long because of your name:
because of your righteousness they are exalted.
- 17 For you are their glory and their strength:
and our heads are uplifted by your favour.
- 18 Our king belongs to the Lord:
he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.

Acts 8.14-25

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, 'Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' ²⁰ But Peter said to him, 'May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! ²¹ You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness.' ²⁴ Simon answered, 'Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me.' ²⁵ Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

Wednesday

Psalm 89.39-53

- 39 Yet you have been enraged against your anointed:
you have abhorred him and rejected him.
- 40 You have spurned the covenant with your servant:
and defiled his crown to the dust.
- 41 You have broken down all his walls:
and made his strongholds desolate.
- 42 All that pass by plunder him:
he has become the scorn of his neighbours.
- 43 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries:
and gladdened all his enemies.
- 44 His bright sword you have turned backward:
you have not enabled him to stand in the battle.
- 45 You have brought his lustre to an end:
you have cast his throne to the ground.
- 46 You have cut short the days of his youth:
and clothed him with dishonour.
- 47 How long, O Lord, will you hide yourself so utterly:
how long shall your fury burn like fire?
- 48 Remember how I draw to my eternal end:
did you create the children of Adam for nothing?
- 49 Where are they that can live and not see death:
that can deliver their life from the power of the grave?
- 50 Where, O Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old:
which you have vowed to David in your faithfulness?
- 51 Remember, O Lord, how your servant is reviled:
how I bear in my bosom the onslaught of the peoples;
- 52 Remember how your enemies taunt:
how they mock the footsteps of your anointed.
- 53 Blessed be the Lord for ever:
Amen and Amen.

Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'

³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Thursday

Psalms 92; 93

92

- 1 How good to give thanks to the Lord:
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
- 2 To declare your love in the morning:
and at night to sing of your faithfulness,
- 3 Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:
and to the melody of the lyre.
- 4 For in all you have done, O Lord, you have made me glad:
I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 5 Lord, how glorious are your works:
your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The brutish do not consider:
and the fool cannot understand
- 7 That though the wicked sprout like grass:
and all wrongdoers flourish,
- 8 They flourish to be destroyed for ever:
but you, Lord, are exalted for evermore.
- 9 For behold, your enemies, O Lord,
your enemies shall perish:
and all the workers of wickedness shall be scattered.
- 10 You have lifted up my head
like the horns of the wild oxen:
I am anointed with fresh oil;
- 11 My eyes have looked down on my enemies:
and my ears have heard the ruin
of those who rose up against me.
- 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:
they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;
- 13 For they are planted in the house of the Lord:
and flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 In old age they shall be full of sap:
they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;
- 15 And they will say that the Lord is just:
the Lord my Rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

93

- 1 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:
the Lord has put on his glory,
he has girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the world so firm:
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne is established from of old:
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice:
the floods lift up their pounding.

- 5 But mightier than the sound of many waters,
than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea:
the Lord on high is mighty.
- 6 Your decrees are very sure:
and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

Acts 9.1-9

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Friday

Psalm 101

- 1 My song shall be of steadfastness and justice:
to you, Lord, will I sing.
- 2 I will be wise in the way of innocence:
O when will you come to me?
- 3 I will walk within my house:
in purity of heart.
- 4 I will set nothing evil before my eyes:
I hate the sin of backsliders, it shall get no hold on me.
- 5 Crookedness of heart shall depart from me:
I will know nothing of wickedness.
- 6 Those who secretly slander their neighbours I will destroy:
the proud look and the arrogant heart I will not endure.
- 7 My eyes shall look to the faithful in the land,
and they shall make their home with me:
those who walk in the way of innocence,
they shall minister to me.
- 8 No one who practises deceit shall live in my house:
no one who utters lies shall stand in my sight.
- 9 Morning by morning I will destroy
all the wicked of the land:
and cut off all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

Acts 4.32-37

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). ³⁷ He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Saturday

Psalms 99; 100

99

- 1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion:
he is high above all nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:
for holy is the Lord.
- 4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.
- 5 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them,
and pardoned their wrongdoing.
- 9 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down towards his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

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.

Acts 9.19b-31

¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' ²¹ All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' ²² Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah. ²³ After some time had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, ²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night so that they might kill him; ²⁵ but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. ²⁶ When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. ³¹ Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Sunday

Psalm 92.1-4, 92.12-15

- 1 How good to give thanks to the Lord:
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
- 2 To declare your love in the morning:
and at night to sing of your faithfulness,
- 3 Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:
and to the melody of the lyre.
- 4 For in all you have done, O Lord, you have made me glad:
I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:
they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;
- 13 For they are planted in the house of the Lord:
and flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 In old age they shall be full of sap:
they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;
- 15 And they will say that the Lord is just:
the Lord my Rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

Mark 4.13-23

¹³ And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²⁰ And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' ²¹ He said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? ²² For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. ²³ Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

